

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 577

Introduced by Assembly Member Wolk

February 16, 2005

An act to add Section 7700 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 577, as introduced, Wolk. Invasive species.

Existing law regulates the discharge of nonindigenous species into the waters of the state or into waters that may impact waters of the state, through ballast water management requirements.

This bill would require the Secretary of the Resources Agency and the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to develop a statewide plan for management and control of all invasive species, as defined, that shall be presented to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2007.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7700 is added to the Food and
2 Agricultural Code, to read:

3 7700. (a) The Secretary of the Resources Agency and the
4 Secretary of Food and Agriculture shall develop a statewide plan
5 for management and control of all invasive species that shall be
6 presented to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2007.

7 (b) For purposes of this section, "invasive species" means a
8 species, including its seeds, eggs, spores, or other biological
9 materials capable of propagating that species, that is not native to

1 the ecosystem and whose introduction causes or is likely to cause
2 economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.
3 Nothing in this definition may be construed to include those
4 agricultural crops, horticultural crops, livestock, or poultry
5 generally recognized by the Department of Food and Agriculture
6 or the United States Department of Agriculture as suitable to be
7 grown in the state.

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