



1999 SENATE BILL 271

November 2, 1999 - Introduced by Senator DARLING, cosponsored by Representative LA FAVE. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 66.96 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** changing the definition
2 of noxious weeds.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, noxious weeds are defined to include Canada thistle, leafy spurge, field bindweed and any other weed that a city, village, town or county defines to be noxious within its boundaries. Current law requires every person to destroy all noxious weeds on all lands that the person owns, occupies or controls. Current law also requires a highway patrolman on all federal, state and county highways to destroy all noxious weeds on the portion of such highways that the highway patrolman patrols.

This bill adds "garlic mustard" to the definition of noxious weeds that must be destroyed.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 66.96 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 66.96 (2) The term "noxious weeds" as used in this chapter includes the
5 following: Canada thistle, leafy spurge, garlic mustard and field bindweed (creeping

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1 Jenny) and any other such weeds as the governing body of any municipality or the
2 county board of any county by ordinance or resolution declares to be noxious within
3 its respective boundaries.

4 (END)