

By: Watson

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing public awareness of the benefits of native plant species.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 5, Business & Commerce Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended by adding Chapter 106 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 106. INCREASING AWARENESS OF NATIVE PLANT SPECIES

Sec. 106.101. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "plant nursery" means a business that sells plants to the public. The term includes a landscaping service.

Sec. 106.102. REQUIREMENT. A plant nursery shall make available to its customers a printed copy of the brochure developed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department under Section 12.0105, Parks and Wildlife Code, that describes the benefits of native plant species and the problems associated with invasive plant species. The plant nursery may satisfy the requirement of this section by posting in a conspicuous location accessible to the nursery's customers a sign that contains the department's Internet website address for the brochure.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 12.0105 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.0105. The department may develop and maintain on the department's Internet website a brochure describing the

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1 benefits of native plant species and the problems associated with  
2 invasive plant species.

3       SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.