



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 404

PRINTERS NO. 380

PRIME SPONSOR: Lawrence

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund; Plant Pest Management Account	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 404, Printer's Number 380, amends Title 3 (Agriculture) to add tree of heaven to the Noxious Weed List.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends Section 1519(b) of Title 3 (Agriculture) to add "Ailanthus altissima (commonly known as tree of heaven) as a Class B noxious weed under the Noxious Weed List. The Department of Agriculture may require control of Class B weeds to contain an injurious infestation or may provide education or technical consultation.

This shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this bill is not expected to have an impact on Commonwealth funds. However, it is possible that revenues could be collected and deposited into the Plant Pest Management Account if any permitting fees or related control work reimbursement, fines and penalties are realized. In this case, the department may issue individual permits for noxious weeds, which would be for research and educational purposes only.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*