

# INVASIVE SPECIES BILL

An Act responding to the threat of invasive species

Sponsored by Rep. Dave Rogers & Sen. Patricia Jehlen (H.890, S.508)

**In our highly-urbanized watershed, invasive species have the perfect conditions to thrive.**

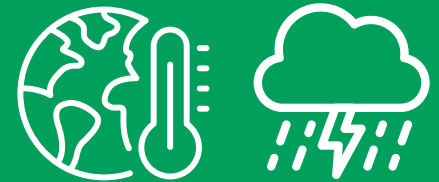
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INVASIVE SPECIES are fast-growing, non-native species that outcompete existing plants, animals, and insects and quickly destroy the delicate ecosystem with stark consequences:

REDUCE BIODIVERSITY · DEGRADE WATER QUALITY ·  
DESTROY WILDLIFE HABITAT · HARM FLOOD RESILIENCE ·  
KILL MATURE TREES · IMPEDE SAFE RECREATION

ONCE THEY TAKE HOLD, INVASIVE SPECIES ARE INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT TO ERADICATE. Removing invasive species to restore the ecosystem is expensive, time-consuming, and labor-intensive. Many cities and towns do not have the guidance or resources to even begin to tackle invasive species.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS ACCELERATING INVASIVE SPECIES GROWTH. Increased precipitation and extreme heat mean more stormwater pollution, excess nutrients, and warmer water and air temperatures, which cause native species to suffer and invasive species to flourish.



**OVER 60 INVASIVE  
PLANTS pose a serious  
threat to our ecosystems.**

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**We need rapid,  
coordinated  
response to stop  
invasive species.**

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THAT'S WHERE THE INVASIVE SPECIES BILL COMES IN. This bill would give us a fighting chance against invasive species by...

- creating a new centralized office by combining the existing MA Invasive Plant Advisory Group & DCR's Aquatic Invasive Management Plan.
- launching a new Invasive Species Trust Fund to provide grants to cities and towns, state agencies, and non-profit organizations to tackle invasive species outbreaks on the ground.
- creating a State Coordinator to provide guidance, resources, and direction to municipalities on invasive species management.

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**LET'S RESTORE OUR ECOSYSTEMS, TOGETHER. SUPPORT THE INVASIVE SPECIES BILL.**