

**H.B. 6032 AN ACT CLARIFYING PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES  
CONCERNING THE USE OF BARRIER SYSTEMS FOR CERTAIN PLANTINGS**

Dear Environment Committee

Jan. 26, 2015

I am writing to support the intent of H.B.6032 with the following three additions to clarify and strengthen the law, and allow enforcement of the 40 foot buffer zone on existing bamboo as intended.

**1) Clear wording that bamboo shall not be maintained or allowed to Exist within the 40 foot buffer zone regardless of when the bamboo was planted.**

**2) Enforcement narrowed to Zoning Officers (since DEEP has no resources) with fines payable to the municipality.**

**3) ADD that the Court can also enforce the 40 foot buffer zone with attorney fees, costs, and disbursements paid to the prevailing party.**

My bamboo nightmare is such that I can no longer enjoy my backyard because it virtually does not exist anymore due to the ongoing damage that the adjacent bamboo which grows and multiplies into my yard. Grass no longer grows because of all of the chemicals that I have tried on the bamboo rhizomes trying to get them eliminated but to no avail. Forget the gardens!! And flowers and roses!!

These rhizomes are indestructible and extremely invasive year after year growing stronger and multiplying and multiplying! Rhizomes invade underground and will destroy septic tanks, water pipes, driveways, tennis courts, to name a few... they will even grow in between siding.

The addition of the three items above will strengthen and clarify the existing law and allow for enforcement to stop the spread and continual damage caused by running bamboo.

Respectfully,  
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