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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5013**

***AN ACT ADDING CERTAIN PLANTS TO THE INVASIVE PLANTS LIST.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits municipalities from adopting ordinances on the retail sale or purchase of invasive plants. It also adds, over a series of years, 10 plants to the list of invasive or potentially invasive plants that are generally banned in the state. By law, a violator is subject to a fine of up to \$100 per plant.

Specifically, the bill prohibits anyone, regardless of any municipal ordinance, from importing; moving (except for eradication, research, or educational purposes); selling; purchasing; transplanting; cultivating (except for research purposes); or distributing the following plants or their reproductive portions (e.g., seeds, flowers, roots, tubers):

1. beginning on the bill's passage, the star of Bethlehem;
2. beginning October 1, 2028, the Glossy buckthorn, European buckthorn, reed canary grass, winged euonymus, European privet, black locust, miscanthus, and Japanese barberry; and
3. beginning October 1, 2030, the Norway maple.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 35 Nay 0 (02/28/2025)