

**2-2117. Quarantines; notice and hearings.** The secretary is authorized to quarantine this state or any portion thereof when the secretary determines that such action is necessary to prevent or retard the spread of a plant pest or to contain a plant pest for the protection of the public health and to quarantine any other state or portion thereof whenever the secretary determines that a plant pest exists therein and that such action is necessary to prevent or retard its spread, movement or transportation into this state. Before promulgating the determination that a quarantine is necessary, the secretary, after providing due notice to interested parties, shall hold a public hearing at which any interested party may appear and be heard either in person or by attorney. The secretary may impose a temporary quarantine for a period not to exceed 90 days during which time a public hearing, as provided in this section, shall be held if it appears that a quarantine for more than the 90-day period will be necessary to prevent, contain or retard the spread of the plant pest. The secretary may limit the application of the quarantine to the infested portion of the quarantined area and appropriate environs, to be known as the regulated area, and, without further hearing, may extend the regulated area to include additional portions of the quarantined area. Following the establishment of the quarantine, no person shall move the plant pest against which the quarantine is established or move any regulated article described in the quarantine, within, from, into or through this state contrary to the quarantine promulgated by the secretary. The quarantine may restrict the movement of the plant pest and any regulated articles from the quarantined or regulated area in this state into or through other parts of this state or other states and from the quarantined or regulated area in other states into or through this state. The secretary shall impose such inspection, disinfection, certification or permit and other requirements as the secretary shall deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act. The secretary is authorized to establish regulations defining pest freedom standards for live plants, plants and plant products or other regulated articles that pose risk of moving plant pests that may cause economic or environmental harm.

**History:** L. 1965, ch. 6, § 6; L. 2002, ch. 91, § 6; L. 2011, ch. 72, § 4; L. 2016, ch. 101, § 4; July 1.