

Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 556

AN ACT concerning sericea lespedeza; relating to control and eradication; research and demonstration efforts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) The purpose of this act is to provide for the coordination, enhancement and continuation of federal, state and local efforts as well as public and private efforts to develop an effective and affordable method of controlling or eradicating sericea lespedeza and to encourage communication of information about sericea control methods to landowners and land managers.

(b) The secretary of agriculture in cooperation with the secretary of wildlife and parks shall designate an appropriate parcel of land as a research area to study and demonstrate methods of controlling or eradicating sericea lespedeza. Such site shall be designated on land managed by the department of wildlife and parks at Toronto Lake and shall be utilized to provide a focal point for activities that further the purposes of this act.

(c) The research and demonstration efforts conducted on the site designated as provided in subsection (b) shall include a variety of methods used to control or eradicate sericea lespedeza and shall include utilization of experiment and demonstration plots and development of field days and workshops to demonstrate methods of control or eradication of sericea lespedeza.

(d) The secretary of agriculture and the secretary of wildlife and parks shall have authority to request assistance from any federal, state or local authority, from any public or private university or other research institution, from any business organization, or from any individual in furthering the purposes of this act. All such entities are hereby requested to cooperate with the secretary of agriculture and the secretary of wildlife and parks in furthering the purposes of this act.

(e) The provisions of this act shall expire on June 30, 2007.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.