

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. CS/HB 7117 (2012)

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee
2 Representative Plakon offered the following:

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4 **Amendment**

5 Remove lines 1199-1219 and insert:

6 (4) A person may not cultivate a nonnative plant, algae,
7 or blue-green algae, including a genetically engineered plant,
8 algae, or blue-green algae ~~or a plant that has been introduced,~~
9 ~~for purposes of fuel production or purposes other than~~
10 ~~agriculture~~ in plantings greater in size than 2 contiguous
11 acres, except under a special permit issued by the department
12 through the division, which is the sole agency responsible for
13 issuing such special permits. No permit shall be required to
14 cultivate any plant or group of plants that, based on experience
15 or research data, does not pose a threat of becoming an invasive
16 species and is commonly grown in this state for the purpose of
17 human food consumption, commercial feed, feedstuff, forage for
18 livestock, nursery stock, or silviculture. The department is
19 authorized to adopt additional exemptions to the permitting

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20 requirements of this section if the department determines, after
21 consulting with the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
22 at the University of Florida, that based on experience or
23 research data, the nonnative plant, algae, or blue-green algae
24 does not pose a threat of becoming an invasive species or a pest
25 of plants or native fauna under conditions in this state and
26 subsequently exempts the plant or group of plants by rule. Such
27 ~~a permit shall not be required if the department determines, in~~
28 ~~conjunction with the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences~~
29 ~~at the University of Florida, that the plant is not invasive and~~
30 ~~subsequently exempts the plant by rule.~~

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