

2023 Kansas Statutes

2-1313a. Definitions. (a) The provisions of article 13 of chapter 2 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 2-1313a, 2-1314c, 2-1314d and 2-1319a, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the noxious weed act.

(b) For the purposes of this act:

- (1) "Act" means the noxious weed act;
- (2) "certified weed free" means any unprocessed plant product that has been inspected by authorized state officials and found to be free of the reproductive parts of noxious and invasive weeds according to standards set forth by the North American invasive species management association;
- (3) "control" means the removal or destruction of the reproductive parts of any noxious weeds before such weeds propagate and spread or whenever required by the secretary or the weed supervisor;
- (4) "governing body" means the board, body or persons in which the powers of a political subdivision as a corporate body are vested;
- (5) "governmental agency" means the state or any agency or political subdivision thereof or the government of the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof;
- (6) "noxious weed" means any species of plant that the secretary shall declare to be a noxious weed in rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to this act;
- (7) "noxious weed plant material" means any noxious weed plant or plant part that is capable of reproducing sexually or asexually;
- (8) "person" means an individual, associations of persons, companies, corporations, the secretary of transportation, boards of county commissioners, township boards, school boards, drainage boards, governing bodies of cities, railroad companies and other transportation companies or corporations or their authorized agents and those supervising state-owned lands;
- (9) "political subdivision" means any agency or unit of the state authorized to levy taxes or empowered to cause taxes to be levied;
- (10) "secretary" means the secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designated representative;
- (11) "state advisory committee" means the state noxious weed advisory committee consisting of 13 voting members and the secretary; and
- (12) "weed supervisor" means a person hired by a county, township, city or district and approved by the secretary to enforce the noxious weed act and to control and manage noxious weeds within the supervisor's jurisdiction.

History: L. 2018, ch. 77, § 1; July 1.