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2 An act relating to plant control; amending s.
3 369.252, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
4 the Department of Environmental Protection
5 program to achieve eradication or maintenance
6 control of invasive exotic plants on public
7 lands; providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Section 369.252, Florida Statutes, 1996
12 Supplement, is amended to read:

13 369.252 Invasive exotic plant control on public
14 lands.--The department shall establish a program to:

15 (1) Achieve eradication or maintenance control of
16 invasive exotic plants on public lands when the scientific
17 data indicate that they are detrimental to the state's natural
18 environment or when the Commissioner of Agriculture finds that
19 such plants or specific populations thereof are a threat to
20 the agricultural productivity of the state;

21 (2) Assist state and local government agencies in the
22 development and implementation of coordinated management plans
23 for the eradication or maintenance control of invasive exotic
24 plant species on public lands;

25 (3) Contract, or enter into agreements, with entities
26 in the State University System or other governmental or
27 private sector entities for research concerning ~~biological~~
28 control agents; production and growth of biological control
29 agents; and development of workable methods for the
30 eradication or maintenance control ~~management~~ of invasive
31 exotic plants on public lands; and

1 (4) Use funds in the Aquatic Plant Control Trust Fund
2 as authorized by the Legislature for carrying out activities
3 under this section on public lands.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
5 law.

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