

House Bill 771

By: Representative Marin of the 96<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 2-7-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 definitions relative to plant disease, pest control, and pesticides, so as to exempt water  
3 spinach from the definition of "plant pest"; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 2-7-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative  
7 to plant disease, pest control, and pesticides, is amended by revising paragraph (8.1) as  
8 follows:

9 "(8.1) 'Plant pest' means any organism which is determined by the Commissioner to be  
10 injurious to the agricultural, horticultural, or other interests of the state, including, but not  
11 limited to, insects, bacteria, fungi, viruses, or weeds; provided, however, that water  
12 spinach (*Ipomoea aquatica* Forsk) shall not be considered a plant pest."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.