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## **PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM SUING MANUFACTURERS OF LEGAL PRODUCTS**

**House Bill 4275**

**Sponsor: Rep. James Koetje**

**Committee: Civil Law and the Judiciary**

**Complete to 4-7-01**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4275 AS INTRODUCED 2-15-01**

The bill would create a new act to prohibit local units of government (counties, cities, townships, or villages) from filing, prosecuting, or joining (on its own behalf or on behalf of its citizens or another class of persons) a civil action for damages or other remedy against a person for the production of a legal product. The bill would not apply to an action related to a product bought and used by the political subdivision that was based on a breach of contract or warranty. The bill would define “person” to mean “an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity,” “political subdivision” to mean a county, city, township, or village, and “production” to mean “manufacture, construction, design, formulation, development of standards, preparation, processing, assembly, inspection, testing, listing, certifying, warning, instructing, marketing, selling, advertising, packaging, or labeling.”

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