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House Bill 5573 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Representative Jase Bolger
House Committee: Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs
Senate Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 359 of 1941 (which governs the control of noxious weeds) to eliminate a requirement that a township have a population of more than 5,000 in order to provide by ordinance for the destruction of noxious weeds in a subdivision by township officials.

Currently, a village or city, or a township with a population of more than 5,000 may provide by ordinance that if the owner, agent, or occupant of subdivided land in a subdivision in which buildings have been erected on 60% of the lots, or the owner, agent, or occupant of a lot along an improved street in common use, has failed to destroy noxious weeds after 10 days' notice, then an authorized agent of the local unit's governing body may enter the lot and destroy them by cutting. The lot owner must pay the expenses incurred in the destruction, and the local unit has a lien upon the lot for the amount of the expense. The bill would delete the township population requirement.

("Noxious weeds" include Canada thistle, doddars, mustards, wild carrot, bindweed, perennial sowthistle, hoary alyssum, ragweed, poison ivy, poison sumac, and any other plant that the governing body of any county, city, or village regulated under the Act regards as a common nuisance.)

MCL 247.64

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no impact on State revenue or expenditures. The bill could increase local unit revenue and expenditures. Expenditures could increase due to local units' costs of cutting weeds. The costs would be more than offset by the expenses assessed to the owner plus any fines. The net impact on local units would likely be negligible.

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