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Senate Bill 631 (as introduced 10-17-13)
Sponsor: Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood
Committee: Local Government and Elections

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 57 of 1974, which regulates the ownership and handling of carrier pigeons, to do the following:

- Require the keeping of carrier pigeons to be in compliance with local regulations.**
- Bar a local unit of government from prohibiting the keeping of carrier pigeons.**

The Act requires the health department of a city, village, township, or county to issue a carrier pigeon permit to the owner of carrier pigeons who complies with certain requirements. Under the bill, one of those requirements would be that the keeping of carrier pigeons complied with the regulations and ordinances of the city, village, township, or county in which they would be located.

The bill specifies that a city, village, township, or county could not enact an ordinance that prohibited the keeping of carrier pigeons.

Currently, the requirements of zoning regulations relating to restrictions on the location of stables and poultry enclosures do not apply to a "loft" (a structure in which carrier pigeons are housed) for which a permit has been issued. The bill would delete that provision.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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