

Legislative Analysis



NOTICE TO LEGISLATURE CONCERNING INFECTED OR INFESTED PLANTS AND TREES

Phone: (517) 373-8080
<http://www.house.mi.gov/hfa>

House Bill 6199 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Julie Alexander
Committee: Oversight
Complete to 6-30-22

Analysis available at
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

SUMMARY:

House Bill 6199 would amend 1945 PA 72, which pertains to protecting trees, shrubs, vines, plants, and fruits from dangerous insects or infectious diseases.

The act requires the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to serve a written notice, with recommendations, on the owner of trees, shrubs, vines, or plants if, upon examination, destructive insects or dangerously infectious diseases are found to exist. If the owner or the owner's agents cannot be found, the act requires and provides procedures for general notice to be provided to landowners in Michigan where neglected or abandoned fruit trees are growing that must be cut and destroyed.

The bill would add that, within 24 hours after issuing either notice described above, the director of MDARD or his or her agent must notify the Senate and House of Representatives in writing.

MCL 286.251 and 286.255

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

POSITIONS:

Representatives of the following entities testified in support of the bill (6-15-22):

- Mackinac Center for Public Policy
- Michigan Greenhouse Growers Council

NFIB indicated support for the bill. (6-21-22)

Legislative Analyst: Susan Stutzky
Fiscal Analyst: William E. Hamilton

■ This analysis was prepared by nonpartisan House Fiscal Agency staff for use by House members in their deliberations and does not constitute an official statement of legislative intent.