

**LOCAL  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Sonnenberg Sen. Tochtrop	<b>Bill Status:</b> House Local Government
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF COUNTY POWERS TO MAINTAIN THE LANDSCAPE.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2013-2014</b>	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> August 7, 2013, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> See Local Government Impact section.		

**Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, county commissioners are authorized to license and employ a county pest inspector. This bill:

- increases the license renewal period from two to three years;
- redefines "animal pests" to include rodents;
- raises from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the cap on how much a landowner may be charged to reimburse county expenses for pest mitigation on the landowner's private property;
- prohibits a county from compelling pest mitigation on private property without first applying the same or greater management measures to county-owned land adjacent to the private property; and
- prohibits a county pest inspector from suing a landowner or occupant for personal injury or property damage unless the injury or damage was willful.

**Local Government Impact**

The bill increases the amount a county can be reimbursed for pest mitigation on private land, and may create administrative efficiencies in counties that currently separate pest mitigation and rodent control efforts.

**Departments Contacted**

Agriculture	Local Affairs
Natural Resources	Public Health & Environment