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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1016 (Washington County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Health - General - Nuisance Control - Washington County

This bill authorizes a health officer in Washington County to file a complaint with the circuit court if a person served with a nuisance abatement notice fails to comply with the requirements of the notice. A complaint filed with the circuit court may seek a court order requiring the person served with the notice to comply with the health officer's abatement notice. A person who refuses to exercise due diligence under a Washington County court order to abate a nuisance is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of up to \$5 for each day the nuisance is not abated and the cost of prosecution. A person who knowingly or willfully acts contrary to a Washington County court order to abate a nuisance is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of up to \$10 a day for each day the violation continues and the cost of prosecution. The bill is to be construed only prospectively.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in Washington County court expenditures, offset by additional fine revenue due to the bill's penalty provisions.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Information Source(s): Washington County, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Community and Public Health Administration), Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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