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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1186

(Carroll County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Carroll County - Abatement of Weed Nuisances

This bill provides that, in Carroll County, the growth of weeds may not constitute a nuisance or menace if the land on which the weeds are growing is being used for a bona fide agricultural purpose or if the land is owned by the county and is specifically designated as a natural regeneration project area.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill would not significantly affect local operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Carroll County Commissioners may, after 10 days advance notice to the property owner or occupant, remove any nuisance or menace to the public health or safety arising from the growth of weeds.

Background: Weeds are not specifically defined in the County Code of Public Local Laws. The county seeks to clarify that the growth of weeds on agricultural lands does not constitute a nuisance or menace; in addition, the county seeks to clarify that the growth of weeds on certain designated county lands does not constitute a nuisance or menace if those lands are being used for a natural regeneration project.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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