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TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES: WEED CUTTING

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House Bill 4230 as introduced
First Analysis (9-30-87)

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Sponsor: Rep. Michael Griffin Mich. State Law Library
Committee: Towns and Counties

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Public Act 359 of 1941, "an act for the purpose of controlling and eradicating certain noxious weeds within the state," allows townships, cities, and villages during the month of March to publish a notice warning that weeds not cut by June 1 will be cut by the municipality at the owner's expense. Many townships, however, would like to have their neighborhoods spruced up by Memorial Day weekend. Further, most weeds that have not been cut before June 1 are difficult to control, thus defeating the purpose of the act.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would move the deadline for having weeds cut to May 1, and provide that the notice stipulate that the municipality could cut the weeds at the owner's expense.

MCL 247.64A

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the House Fiscal Agency, the bill would have no fiscal implications for state government. (9-29-87)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill is necessary to ensure that weeds be eliminated before they are out of control. By amending the language of the act to stipulate that a municipality may cut weeds, the bill also takes into consideration the fact that some municipalities have the financial resources to enforce this law, and others do not.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan Townships Association supports the bill. (9-29-87)

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