

Legislative Analysis



PREEMPT LOCAL SEED ORDINANCES

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Senate Bill 777 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom
House Committee: Agriculture
Senate Committee: Agriculture, Forestry, and Tourism

Complete to 4-17-06

A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 777 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 3-30-06

The bill would amend the Michigan Seed Law to prohibit a local unit of government from adopting, maintaining, or enforcing an ordinance that prohibits or regulates the labeling, sale, storage, transportation, distribution, use, or planting of agricultural, vegetable, flower, turf grass, or forest tree seeds. The prohibition would not, however, apply to ordinances prohibiting or regulating the use of certain plants for landscaping or prohibiting or regulating noxious or invasive plants. The bill provides that the act's penalty provisions would not apply to a violation of the bill.

In addition, the bill would repeal Section 16, which repealed Public Act 314 of 1923.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no apparent fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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