

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

122nd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL: H.B. 244

DATE: May 15, 1997

STATUS: As Reported by House Ways and Means SPONSOR: Rep. Van Vyven

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: No — Minimal cost

CONTENTS: Collection of unpaid household sewage system permit or inspection fees

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 1997	FY 1998	FUTURE YEARS
Local district health fund			
Revenues	Potential indeterminate gain	Potential indeterminate gain	Potential indeterminate gain
Expenditures	Potential minimal increase	Potential minimal increase	Potential minimal increase
Counties			
Revenues	Potential minimal gain	Potential minimal gain	Potential minimal gain
Expenditures	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -

- Although the process of civil action would have a minimal fiscal effect, it is assumed that most health districts would pursue unpaid fees through the procedure for collecting real property taxes. Placing the unpaid fee amount on the general tax list and duplicate should not have a significant effect on expenditures for health districts. It is not known at this time how much revenue in unpaid fees will be realized by each health district.



Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill permits health districts to collect unpaid household sewage system permit or inspection fees, as well as any late penalties, by civil action or by certifying this amount to the county auditor to be placed on the general tax list and duplicate as a lien on real property.

Civil action would require a health district to pay court filing fees, resulting in fee revenue to the county. Any investigation costs would be borne by the health district, as well as any expenditures from bond requirements. Adjudication and prosecution costs from legal representation would also be paid by the health district. Although the process of civil action would have a minimal fiscal effect, it is assumed that most health districts would pursue unpaid fees through the procedure for collecting real property taxes.

The bill provides that if the health district certifies the amount of the unpaid fee, as well as any late penalties, to the county auditor, then the auditor is required to place this amount on the general tax list and duplicate as a lien on real property. According to spokespersons from the County Auditor's Association and the office of the Delaware County Auditor, there could be some administrative cost for some counties, but for most areas, a system is already in place to add information to the general tax list and duplicate. Overall, this process should not have a significant effect on expenditures for health districts. Additionally, it is not known at this time how much revenue in unpaid fees will be realized by each health district.

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