



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [H.B. 420 of the 129th G.A.](#)

**Date:** February 13, 2012

**Status:** As Introduced

**Sponsor:** Reps. Peterson and Stinziano

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Licensure of nuisance wild animal removal and control services

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill creates the Nuisance Wild Animal Control Fund to receive fees collected by the Department of Natural Resources from the licensure of companies and individuals engaged in nuisance wild animal removal and control. These fees are \$100 annually for each business location, or \$15 annually for an individual.
- The bill requires any company or individual that uses a pesticide in nuisance wild animal removal or control activities to obtain the appropriate pesticide license from the Department of Agriculture. The Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Lime Program Fund (Fund 6690) could gain revenues from these fees if any additional pesticide licenses are issued under the bill.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

### **Nuisance wild animal licensure by the Department of Natural Resources**

The bill requires the owner or operator of a nuisance wild animal control company, or an individual who provides nuisance wild animal removal or control services for hire, to obtain a license from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The fee for a nuisance wild animal control business license is \$100 annually for each business location, and the annual fee for an individual who provides wild animal control services for hire is \$15. The bill creates the Nuisance Wild Animal Control Fund to collect these fee payments and cover the costs of administering the licensure program.

According to DNR, there are currently 573 individual nuisance wild animal trappers in Ohio who perform these services under the auspices of a hunting license or trapping permit. If these individuals all apply for an individual wild animal removal or control license at \$15 per person, that would result in revenue of \$8,595 to the newly created Nuisance Wild Animal Control Fund. The number of companies that perform these services on a commercial basis is currently unknown, but presumably, multiple business locations per company would apply for the \$100 business license, resulting in additional revenues to the fund. Actual revenues will depend on the number of individuals and businesses that apply for and obtain these licenses.

### **Requirement for pesticide licenses if applicable**

The bill also requires any individual or company that uses a pesticide in the practice of nuisance wild animal control or removal to obtain a license from the Department of Agriculture. This would most likely be either a pesticide business license or a commercial applicator license. Under current administrative rules, the fee to obtain each of these licenses is \$35 per year. Fee receipts are deposited into the Pesticide, Fertilizer, and Lime Program Fund (Fund 6690). Any gain in fee revenues to this fund would depend on the number of businesses or individuals who would need to obtain a license but do not already have one.