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## FISCAL IMPACT

**Drafting Number:** LLS 13-0341 **Date:** January 25, 2013

Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Landgraf

Bill Status: House Local Government

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE LOTS

OVER WHICH A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS AUTHORITY FOR

WEED REMOVAL.

| Fiscal Impact Summary  | FY 2013-2014 | FY 2014-2015 |
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| State Revenue  |              |              |
| State Expenditures   |              |              |
| FTE Position Change  |              |              |
| <b>Effective Date:</b> August 7, 2013, assuming the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed. |              |              |
| Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.   |              |              |

Local Government Impact: See Local Government Impact section.

#### **Summary of Legislation**

Under current law, a county may only compel the removal of brush and weeds from residential lots less than 2.5 acres. This bill removes these limitations, and allows a county to compel the removal of brush and weeds from any lot, except one that is currently in agricultural use.

#### **Local Government Impact**

The bill's overall effect on county governments is minimal. The bill increases the number of lots a county may identify for weed and brush removal. Counties charge a fee when a property owner fails to comply with a removal order, including fees for inspection and other incidental costs. Any increased administrative cost to perform additional work is offset by this fee revenue.

### **Departments Contacted**

Agriculture Counties Local Affairs