

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-1160/2	Introduction Number	SB-446	Estimate Type	Original
Description Lodging establishments and restricting a local government's ability to prohibit or restrict a person from renting out of the person's residential dwelling					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill prohibits any city, village, town, or county (political subdivision) from enacting or enforcing an ordinance that prohibits, regulates the duration or frequency of, or unreasonably restricts the rental of a residential dwelling for seven consecutive days or longer. The bill defines "residential dwelling" as any building or structure, or part thereof, that is primarily used and occupied for human habitation or intended to be so used. If any political subdivision has such an ordinance in effect on the effective date of the bill, the ordinance does not apply and may not be enforced.

This bill excludes from the definitions of "hotel," "bed and breakfast establishment," and "tourist rooming house" a residential dwelling that is rented exclusively for periods that are seven consecutive days or longer.

If this bill were enacted into law, it would most likely affect business operators who currently hold a Tourist Rooming House (TRH) license. The Department of Health Services currently licenses 1,580 TRH's per year and municipal Agents license approximately 1,857 TRH's per year. It is not known how many license holders would forego purchase of their TRH license because they rent their dwellings exclusively for periods of seven consecutive days or longer. It is assumed there would a reduction in TRH licenses issued which would result in reduced revenue but the amount is not able to be determined.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications