

# Fiscal Analysis

## "QUALITY OF LIFE" ZONING VIOLATIONS



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**Bill/Sponsor**            **HOUSE BILL 5216 as introduced**, Rep. Steven H. Tobocman  
**HOUSE BILL 5217 as introduced**, Rep. Bill McConico  
**HOUSE BILL 5218 as introduced**, Rep. Kenneth R. Daniels  
**HOUSE BILL 5219 as introduced**, Rep. Jim Howell  
**HOUSE BILL 5220 as introduced**, Rep. Edward J. Gaffney  
**HOUSE BILL 5223 as introduced**, Rep. William P. Huizenga  
**HOUSE BILL 5224 as introduced**, Rep. Morris Hood III

**House Committee**        Judiciary

**Analysis**                    **Summary**  
The bills constitute a package of legislation that would enable a home rule city to designate certain ordinance violations as "quality of life" violations, which would be adjudicated by a municipal administrative hearings bureau (with appeal to the circuit court), and subject to civil fines of up to \$10,000. Ordinances whose violations could be designated as quality of life violations could include ordinances on zoning, building and construction codes, building and property maintenance, fire prevention, illegal dumping and solid waste disposal, noxious weeds, and vehicle abandonment.

**Fiscal Impact**  
The bills would have an indeterminate impact on local units of government and the judiciary; depending on how cities opted to utilize the legislation, the bills could reduce district court caseload burdens and increase municipal administrative costs and civil fine revenues. In addition, presumably, quality of life violations otherwise would be adjudicated as municipal civil infractions, and each municipal civil infraction is subject to a \$10 state assessment that, together with other civil infraction and civil filing fee revenues, supports a variety of justice-related programs through the state justice system fund. Thus, depending on the extent to which municipalities opted to adjudicate violations as quality of life violations, the legislation affect revenues that otherwise would accrue to the state justice system fund.

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