

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Vote:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Atkinson, Bates, Prozanski, Avakian
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Meeting Dates:	5/8

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expands powers and duties of vector control district boards and county courts to include prevention or control of public health vectors and predatory animals. Allows vector control district board to compensate trustee for education and training. Allows district to make not-for-profit application of pesticides to governmental or homeowner association lands. Allows the Department of Human Services to provide matching funds for vector control district disease surveillance program. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Components of integrated pest management practices
- Annual pest management plans and ability to revise
- Difference between public health applicator license and commercial applicator license
- Derivation of the term “vector”
- West Nile virus and relationship to public health vector control

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** A vector is defined as an organism, such as a mosquito or tick, that transmits disease-causing microorganisms from infected individuals to other persons or from infected animals to human beings. Vector control districts have been addressing the outbreak of West Nile virus (WNV) since it was first detected in 2004. In that year, 21 counties detected 1,650 cases of WNV mosquitoes, 63 cases in birds, 113 cases in horses and 86 cases in humans. There were 73 human cases reported in 2006.

House Bill 3068 allows a vector control district to apply pesticide for the control of a public health vector outside of its district boundaries without having to apply for a commercial applicators license.