

1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Structural Pest Control Act is amended by
5 adding Section 10.15 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 235/10.15 new)

7 Sec. 10.15. Findings and Council report. The General
8 Assembly makes the following findings:

9 (1) The quality of life for a growing number of
10 Illinois families has been impacted by a significant
11 increase in bed bug (Cimex lectularius) infestations.

12 (2) A joint EPA/CDC statement recognizes bed bugs as a
13 pest of public health importance.

14 (3) Bed bug infestations are increasing, are difficult
15 to abate, and pose a challenge to those affected by those
16 infestations.

17 (4) There is a lack of public awareness about bed bug
18 prevention, management, and control, necessitating the
19 need for education of consumers, tenants, landlords,
20 property owners, and managers.

21 (5) In April of 2009, the United States Environmental
22 Protection Agency held its first National Bed Bug Summit to
23 solicit recommendations on dealing with the growing public

1 nuisance of bed bugs; among the major recommendations
2 emanating from the summit was the importance of legislative
3 support and better education about bed bugs for governments
4 and elected officials.

5 (6) It is in the public interest to study the increase
6 in bed bug infestations and make specific recommendations
7 for addressing this growing public nuisance.

8 The Structural Pest Control Advisory Council shall convene
9 a subcommittee to develop a report to the General Assembly with
10 recommendations on the prevention, management, and control of
11 bed bug infestations. The report shall include, but not be
12 limited to, recommendations related to the availability of
13 education materials on bed bug prevention, management, and
14 control; proper transport, storage, and disposal of bed bug
15 infested materials; promote the development of effective
16 treatment methods or options to eradicate bed bug infestation;
17 and increasing knowledge and awareness among tenants,
18 landlords, and property managers and owners about preventing
19 bed bug infestations.

20 In addition to the members of the Structural Pest Control
21 Advisory Council, the subcommittee may include: a
22 representative of a nonprofit organization, particularly one
23 involved with tenant advocacy issues; a representative of
24 apartment associations; and staff from the Illinois Housing
25 Development Authority and the Office of the Illinois Attorney
26 General. The members of the subcommittee shall serve without

1 compensation for their duties or expenses incurred with the
2 work of the subcommittee.

3 The Structural Pest Control Advisory Council shall issue
4 its report to the General Assembly on or before December 31,
5 2011.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.