

AN ACT concerning health.

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

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

(225 ILCS 235/10.15 new)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2012)

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

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

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

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

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

(5) In April of 2009, the United States Environmental Protection Agency held its first National Bed Bug Summit to

solicit recommendations on dealing with the growing public nuisance of bed bugs; among the major recommendations emanating from the summit was the importance of legislative support and better education about bed bugs for governments and elected officials.

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

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

In addition to the members of the Structural Pest Control Advisory Council, the subcommittee may include: a representative of a nonprofit organization, particularly one involved with tenant advocacy issues; a representative of apartment associations; and staff from the Illinois Housing Development Authority and the Office of the Illinois Attorney

General. The members of the subcommittee shall serve without compensation for their duties or expenses incurred with the work of the subcommittee.

The Structural Pest Control Advisory Council shall issue its report to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2011. This Section is repealed on January 1, 2012.

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