

# Legislative Analysis

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## MINIATURE GOATS IN NON-AGRICULTURAL AREAS

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### House Bill 5609

Sponsor: Rep. Andy Schor

Committee: Agriculture

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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5609 AS INTRODUCED 5-28-14

House Bill 5609 would amend the Dog Law of 1919 by adding Section 30a, which would allow a county board of commissioners to adopt an ordinance providing for the licensing and regulation of miniature goats not associated with a farm or farm operation.

The bill would define miniature goat as "those types of goats commonly known as pygmy, dwarf, and miniature goats."

The bill also would change the title of the act to the Pet Law (instead of the Dog Law of 1919). The bill cites the definitions for "farm" and "farm operation" found in Section 2 of the Michigan Right to Farm Act, as found here:

[http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(jmq1n4ffatmlmhutibvgqdih\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-286-472](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(jmq1n4ffatmlmhutibvgqdih))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=mcl-286-472)

MCL 287.261 and proposed 287.290a

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5609 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on county governments dependent on whether a county opted to adopt an ordinance providing for the licensing and regulation of miniature goats and, if so, whether the regulatory fees would be sufficient to offset the costs of administering, implementing, and enforcing such licensing and regulation.

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