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**A B I L L**

To enact sections 3701.136 and 3707.012 of the 1  
Revised Code to establish the Bed Bug Awareness, 2  
Education, and Prevention Program, to require 3  
boards of health to adopt vermin control policies 4  
under which bedbug infestations are treated in the 5  
same manner as other infestations, and to make an 6  
appropriation. 7

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3701.136 and 3707.012 of the Revised 8  
Code be enacted to read as follows: 9

**Sec. 3701.136.** (A) As used in this section: 10

(1) "Hotel" means every establishment kept, used, maintained, 11  
advertised, or held out to the public as a place where sleeping 12  
accommodations are offered to guests, in which five or more rooms 13  
are used for the accommodation of such guests, whether the rooms 14  
are in one or several structures. 15

(2) "Residential dwelling" means a building used or intended 16  
to be used as a personal residence by the owner, part owner, or 17  
lessee of the building, or any person authorized by such a person 18

to use the building as a personal residence. 19

(B) The bed bug awareness, education, and prevention program 20  
is hereby established in the department of health. The department 21  
shall administer the program with the assistance of and in 22  
consultation with the research office of the division of travel 23  
and tourism of the department of development. 24

(C) The department shall make available on its web site 25  
information on the increasing incidences of bed bug (cimex 26  
lectularius) infestation and post notices that bed bugs are a 27  
public nuisance dangerous to public health. The director of health 28  
shall do all of the following: 29

(1) Educate hotel owners, residential dwellers, and citizens 30  
of this state on the difference between bed bugs and similar types 31  
of vermin so they can be easily recognized and treated 32  
accordingly; 33

(2) Encourage hotel owners and residential dwellers to 34  
closely monitor floors, carpets, bed linens, and mattresses for 35  
signs of infestation to facilitate effective, timely treatment to 36  
prevent the spread and incidence of infestation; 37

(3) Assist in and promote the development of safe and 38  
effective treatment methods or options to eradicate bed bug 39  
infestation in hotels and residential dwellings. 40

(D) The department shall make available to the public a 41  
toll-free telephone number for any person seeking to report an 42  
incidence of bed bug infestation or to request information. The 43  
department may make the toll-free number available by maintaining 44  
a toll-free telephone line specifically for accepting calls 45  
regarding bed bugs or by using a toll-free telephone line that the 46  
department maintains for accepting calls regarding other matters. 47

(E) The department shall adopt rules as necessary to 48  
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implement this section. The rules shall be adopted in accordance 50  
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 51

Sec. 3707.012. As used in this section, "board of health" 52  
means the board of health of a city or general health district or 53  
the city authority having the duties of a board of health under 54  
section 3709.05 of the Revised Code. 55

Each board of health shall adopt policies for the prevention, 56  
detection, and eradication of vermin in public places, including 57  
residential facilities other than private dwellings. Under each 58  
policy, bedbug infestations shall be treated in the same manner as 59  
other vermin infestations. 60

**Section 2.** All items in this section are hereby appropriated 62  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 63  
credit of the General Revenue Fund Group. For all appropriations 64  
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 65  
2008 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2009. The 66  
appropriations made in this act are in addition to any other 67  
appropriations made for the FY 2008-2009 biennium. 68

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Appropriations

General Revenue Fund					70
GRF 440463 Bed Bug Awareness	\$	0	\$	335,000	71
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund	\$	0	\$	335,000	72
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$	0	\$	335,000	73

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Appropriation item 440463, Bed Bug Awareness, shall be used 75  
to administer sections 3701.136 and 3707.012 of the Revised Code. 76

Within the limits set forth in this act, the Director of 77  
Budget and Management shall establish accounts indicating the 78

source and amount of funds for each appropriation made in this 79  
act, and shall determine the form and manner in which 80  
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 81  
appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as 82  
though made in Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly. 83

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 84  
provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly that 85  
are generally applicable to such appropriations. 86

**Section 3.** The sections of law contained in this act, and the 87  
items of which they are composed, are not subject to the 88  
referendum. Therefore, under Ohio Constitution, Article II, 89  
Section 1d and section 1.471 of the Revised Code, the sections of 90  
law contained in this act, and the items of which they are 91  
composed, go into immediate effect when this act becomes law. 92