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BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4893 (Substitute H-1 as reported with amendment)
Sponsor: Representative James Middaugh
House Committee: Appropriations
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to extend from October 1, 1995, to October 1, 1999, the sunset on the permit fees for the application of chemicals to lakes and streams to control "aquatic nuisances" such as aquatic plants and swimmers' itch.

The fees are deposited in the Land and Water Management Permit Fee Fund to be used, upon appropriation, for the implementation of provisions in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act concerning inland lakes and streams, Great Lakes, submerged lands, wetland protection, shorelands protection and management, dam safety, and sand dune protection and management; the Public Health Code's provisions concerning the application of chemicals to control aquatic nuisances; and the Subdivision Control Act's provisions concerning review of preliminary plats by the Department of Natural Resources for subdivisions in floodplains.

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Legislative Analyst: L. Burghardt

FISCAL IMPACT

House Bills 4861 (H-1) through 4865 (H-1) and 4893 (H-1) would allow continued collection of between \$1,544,800 and \$2.1 million in fee revenue to the State.

According to the Department of Natural Resources, \$840,819 in Land & Water Permit Fees and \$744,800 in Stormwater Permit Fees were collected in FY 1993-94. For FY 1994-95, \$1,320,367 and \$825,600 have been collected to date. Fiscal year 1995-96 appropriations total \$3,024,900 in estimated fee revenue.

These fees are used to operate the permitting programs in the Department, and their elimination would result in a reduction of approximately 25% in the "Land & Water Administration" line item and a 100% reduction in the "Stormwater Discharge Program" in the Department budget.

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