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SFA**BILL ANALYSIS**

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House Bills 4470 and 4471 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Patricia Birkholz (H.B. 4470)
Representative Larry DeVuyst (H.B. 4471)
House Committee: Conservation and Outdoor Recreation
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Date Completed: 5-11-99

CONTENT

The bills would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to extend for four years, until October 1, 2003, the sunset date on permit fees for storm water discharge programs; floodplains programs; shoreland protection projects; and construction or expansion projects on inland lakes and streams and the Great Lakes submerged lands.

In addition, House Bill 4471 would extend until October 1, 2003, the annual \$25 notification fee for persons who have requested notice of pending project applications, and the \$500 service fee for riparian owners requesting the Department of Environmental Quality to establish the location of the ordinary high-water mark for their property. (The bill provides that the service fee would be \$50 beginning October 1, 2003.)

Currently, until October 1, 1999, the Act requires the application for a permit to be accompanied by a one-time \$125 fee for storm water discharge related solely to a site of construction activity and a \$200 fee for a site not related solely to construction activity; a \$500 fee and a \$1,500 review fee for a floodplains project and a \$100 fee for a minor project; a \$50 fee and a \$500 initial fee for seasonal drawdown or the associated reflooding of a dam or impoundment; a \$2,000 fee for major projects and a \$500 fee for all other projects on inland lakes and streams and/or the Great Lakes; a \$500 fee for commercial or multifamily residential projects, a \$100 fee for single-family home construction, a \$50 fee for single-family home additions or for projects that have a minor impact on fish and wildlife resources in environmental areas; and a \$50 fee for an expansion of 1-10 slips to an existing marina, a \$100 fee for a new marina with 1-10 proposed slips, a \$250 fee for an expansion of 11-50 slips plus \$10 for each slip over 50, a \$500 fee for a new marina with 11-50 proposed marina slips plus \$10 for each slip over 50, and a \$1,500 fee if an existing marina proposes a maintenance dredging.

Under the Act, the marina construction fee will be \$25 for all inland lakes and streams projects and \$50 for all Great Lakes submerged lands projects beginning October 1, 1999. Under the bill, these reduced fees would apply beginning October 1, 2003.

MCL 324.3118 (H.B. 4470)
324.3104 et. al (H.B. 4471)

Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

House Bill 4470

The bill would extend the sunset on storm water discharge permit fees to allow continued receipt of revenue to the State. For FY 1997-98, these fees generated approximately \$900,000 in revenue to the State, designated for DEQ storm water discharge programs.

House Bill 4471

The bill would extend the sunset on specified land and water permit fees to allow continued receipt of revenue to the State. For FY 1997-98, these fees generated approximately \$990,000 in revenue to the State, designated for DEQ land and water regulatory programs.

Fiscal Analyst: G. Cutler

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