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House Bill 4471 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Representative Larry DeVuyst
House Committee: Conservation and Outdoor Recreation
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill 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 floodplains programs, shoreland protection projects, and construction or expansion projects on inland lakes and streams and Great Lakes submerged lands; 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 (DEQ) 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.)

Under the Act, the marina construction fee ranges from \$50 to \$1,500, depending on the project. Beginning October 1, 1999, the fee will be \$25 for all inland lakes and streams projects and \$50 for all Great Lakes submerged lands projects. Under the bill, these reduced fees would apply beginning October 1, 2003.

Currently, a permit is not required if a discharge of venting groundwater complies with the water quality standards and is provided for in a remedial action plan approved by the DEQ. The bill also provides that a permit would not be required if a discharge were provided for in a corrective action plan submitted to the DEQ that included a mixing zone determination and had been noticed in the DEQ calendar.

The bill also provides that up to 10% of the money in the Storm Water Fund could be spent for training for certification of storm water operators and educational material to assist persons regulated under storm water permits, in addition to the current spending specifications.

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Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

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.

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