

Legislative Analysis



DEQ PERMIT PROCESSING TIME EXTENSIONS

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Senate Bill 744 (S-1)

Sponsor: Sen. Mike Kowall

House Committee: Regulatory Reform

Senate Committee: Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes

Complete to 4-23-12

A REVISED SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 744 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 2-15-12

The bill would amend Part 13 (Permits) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require, rather than allow, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to extend the permit processing period at the request of an applicant and change the length of the extension for all permits issued under Part 13.

NREPA establishes processing periods for required permits and requires the DEQ to make a determination on a permit application by the specified deadline. Currently, the DEQ may extend the processing period by not more than 20% if a request is made by the applicant.

Specifically, the bill would require the DEQ to extend the processing period for a permit by up to 120 days, as specified by the applicant. Additionally, the DEQ could extend the processing period by an additional 120 days at the request of the applicant, but could not extend the processing period to a date later than one year after the application period ends.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in process.

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