

# Legislative Analysis

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## EXTENSION OF SUNSET ON LAND AND WATER PERMIT FEES

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**House Bill 4448**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Victory**  
**Committee: Appropriations**

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### SUMMARY:

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to **extend the sunset** on five of the six land and water permit fees collected by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) from October 1, 2015 to **October 1, 2019**. This sunset extension would give the department the authority to collect these fees for four more years. These fees include the following:

- Ordinary high water mark establishment fee
- Submerged lands application fees
- Great Lakes shoreline permits
- Pre-application meeting fee
- Inland lakes and streams application fee

These fees are collected by the department on applications for infrastructure and construction projects on Michigan's waterways. Examples of projects include marina construction or expansion, boat slip construction or expansion, marina dredging, seawalls, bulkheads, revetments, boat basin excavation, groins, jetties, underwater stabilizers, docks, wharves, stream enclosures, golf courses, subdivisions, or condominiums.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill would extend the sunset on DEQ's land and water permits fees by giving the department the authority to continue to collect these fees for four more years. These fees were established for FY 1993-94 and have never been increased. They are deposited into DEQ's land and water permit fund along with the floodplain application fee. These six fees generate **\$2.1 million** in annual revenue for DEQ. All six of these land and water permit fees were assumed in the FY 2015-16 Executive Budget Recommendation and HB 4093 (H-1) which creates the FY 2015-16 appropriation act for DEQ.

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