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House Bill 5638 (Substitute H-5 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Aaron Miller

House Committee: Natural Resources

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 327 (Great Lakes Preservation) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- Delete provisions that require or allow a property owner to submit a request for a site-specific review of a proposed water withdrawal to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
- Allow a property owner to submit to the DEQ certain information and an analysis performed by a professional hydrologist or hydrogeologist, if the DEQ's assessment tool determined that a proposed withdrawal was a zone C or D withdrawal, or that a withdrawal with a capacity of 1.0 million gallons or less per day to supply a common distribution system was a zone B withdrawal in a cold-transitional river system.
- Require the DEQ to notify the property owner of its determination within 20 working days after receiving the analysis of the proposed withdrawal, supporting evidence, and related data.
- Allow the property owner to register the withdrawal and proceed with it if the DEQ determined that the withdrawal was a zone A or zone B withdrawal.
- Allow the property owner to register and proceed with a zone C withdrawal if the owner self-certified the implementation of certain water conservation measures.
- Provide that the property owner could not register or make a zone D withdrawal unless the owner applied for a permit under Part 327 and the withdrawal was authorized, or unless it was authorized under a site-specific review.
- Specify peer-reviewed models the DEQ could use to calculate streamflow depletion.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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