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House Bill 4862 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative William Bobier  
House Committee: Appropriations  
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Section 3104 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to extend from October 1, 1995, to October 1, 1999, the sunset for fees for permits to alter floodplains or permits for stormwater discharge projects. (The fees originated in Public Act 245 of 1929.)

The fees are deposited in the Land and Water Management Permit Fee Fund to be used, upon appropriation, for the implementation of the NREPA's provisions concerning inland lakes and streams, Great Lakes, submerged lands, wetland protection, shorelands protection and management, dam safety, and sand dune protection and management; the Public Health Code's provisions concerning the application of chemicals to control aquatic nuisances; and the Subdivision Control Act's provisions concerning review of preliminary plats by the Department of Natural Resources for subdivisions in floodplains.

MCL 324.3104 & 324.3118

Legislative Analyst: L. Burghardt

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

House Bills 4861 (H-1) through 4865 (H-1) and 4893 (H-1) would allow continued collection of between \$1,544,800 and \$2.1 million in fee revenue to the State.

According to the Department of Natural Resources, \$840,819 in Land & Water Permit Fees and \$744,800 in Stormwater Permit Fees were collected in FY 1993-94. For FY 1994-95, \$1,320,367 and \$825,600 have been collected to date. Fiscal year 1995-96 appropriations total \$3,024,900 in estimated fee revenue.

These fees are used to operate the permitting programs in the Department, and their elimination would result in a reduction of approximately 25% in the "Land & Water Administration" line item and a 100% reduction in the "Stormwater Discharge Program" in the Department budget.

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