



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 591

PRINTERS NO. 560

PRIME SPONSOR: Zimmerman

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 591, Printer's Number 560, amends the Clean Streams Law to provide for a permit waiver similar to federal regulations.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Section 402 of the Clean Streams Law (Act 394 of 1937) stating that a construction site operator "may apply to waive" a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in accordance with federal regulations (40 CFR 122.26(b)(15)(i)) as administered by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). This would apply to a construction site that results in land disturbance of more than one acre but less than five acres.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: A waiver program could result in a loss of some DEP permitting revenues, but it is indeterminable what, if any, impacts this would have on the program. While an operator may apply for an NPDES permit waiver, the bill's language makes it more consistent with existing federal requirements which currently provide for a waiver from permit coverage by the permitting authority.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.