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CHANGE DEFINITION OF MINOR PROJECTS

House Bill 4707

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**Committee: Conservation, Environment
& Great Lakes**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4707 AS INTRODUCED 4-25-95

House Bill 4707 would amend the Inland Lakes and Streams Act by setting new application fees for certain permits. (Note: The Inland Lakes and Streams Act was repealed and reenacted into the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), Public Act 451 of 1994 as amended by Public Acts 57-61 of 1995. The Inland Lakes and Streams Act is now included in part 301 of chapter 1 of Article III of the NREPA.)

Current law requires that before undertaking certain projects involving altering bottomlands, inland lakes, streams, canals, channels, ditches, lagoons, ponds, lakes, or similar waterways an application must be filed with and a permit must be granted by the Department of Natural Resources. Currently the fees required for a permit depend upon the administrative cost necessitated by the proposed project and established within a schedule set forth in the law. (These fees, ranging from \$50 to \$2,000, were implemented in 1993 and will expire on October 1, 1995, at which time the fees will revert to \$25 for projects of any kind.)

The bill would classify seasonal drawdowns and/or the associated reflooding of a dam or impoundment for the purpose of weed control as "minor projects", which require an application fee of \$50 until October 1, 1995, and \$25 after that date. At present, these seasonal drawdowns are charged a fee of \$500 because they are included within the provision that pertains to "all other projects not listed" in the schedule of fees.

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