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House Bill 4211 (Substitute H-1)

Sponsor: Representative John Lewellyn

House Committee: Conservation, Environment, and Great Lakes

Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Date Completed: 5-23-95

SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4211 (Substitute H-1) as passed by the House:

The bill would amend the Dam Safety Act to exempt from the Act's reconstruction permit requirements any dam that was destroyed by an act of God, if the dam were at least 75 years old and were located in a county with a per capita income of less than \$8,500. The exemption provision would expire on January 1, 1998. The bill also would delete the requirement that the plans and specifications for exempt dams be approved by the Legislature's Joint Capital Outlay Committee (JCOC) and would allow the committee to recommend, but not require, environmental considerations to protect water quality.

(Currently, the Act provides that for three years beginning December 28, 1988, a permit could not be required for the repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a dam located in Everett Township, Newaygo County, and/or a dam located in the Village of Luther, Lake County, that was 75 years old, if the dam was damaged or destroyed by an act of God. Plans and specifications for repair, reconstruction, or improvement of these dams had to be approved by the JCOC, which could require environmental considerations to protect water quality.)

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Legislative Analyst: L. Burghardt

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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