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BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4707 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Tom Alley
House Committee: Conservation, Environment and Great Lakes
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 301 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, which governs inland lakes and streams, to establish a \$50 fee for a permit for a seasonal drawdown or associated reflooding, or both, of a dam or impoundment for the purpose of weed control. If a permit for a seasonal drawdown and/or associated reflooding were issued for the first time after the bill's effective date, however, the initial fee would be \$500 and subsequent permits for the same purpose would cost \$50.

Currently, Part 301 establishes permit fees ranging from \$50 for a "minor project" (as defined in R 281.816) to \$2,000 for major projects described in the Act. (These fees are scheduled to expire on October 1, 1999.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would result in a minimal (\$4,500) decrease in revenues available to the Department of Natural Resources. According to the Department, approximately 10 drawdowns per year would be affected, with a current permit fee of \$500.

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