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Senate Bill 420 (as introduced 3-10-99)
Sponsor: Senator Ken Sikkema
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 201 (Environmental Response) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to extend for two years, until June 5, 2001, the requirement that a person pay a \$750 fee when submitting a petition to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a determination about a baseline environmental assessment.

Under the Act, within six months after the completion of a baseline environmental assessment (BEA), a person may petition the DEQ for a determination that the person qualifies for an exemption from liability for hazardous substance cleanup costs. (This exemption applies to someone who becomes the owner or operator of a facility (contaminated property) on or after June 5, 1995, if a BEA is conducted before or within 45 days after the date of purchase, occupancy, or foreclosure, and the owner or operator discloses the results of the BEA to the DEQ and subsequent purchaser or transferee if the BEA confirms that the property is a facility.) The Act requires the petition to be accompanied by a \$750 fee, until June 5, 1999. The bill would extend that date to June 5, 2001.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would maintain the receipt of approximately \$350,00 in annual revenue from baseline environmental assessment fees.

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