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House Bill 4703 (Substitute H-5 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

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House Committee: Health Policy Senate Committee: Appropriations

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to increase construction permit and license fees for campgrounds and public swimming pools. It also would create the "Campground Fund" and the "Swimming Pool Fund".

MCL 333.12501 et al.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would implement a portion of the Target Agreement that offsets a reduction of \$333,400 General Fund with increased fee revenue from the campground and public swimming pool programs. The FY 2004-05 budget for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) includes a total of \$651,500 in restricted revenue for these two programs, which does not change the total funding provided compared with the previous fiscal year. Based on the number of existing permits and applications for new sites, the proposed campground fees would raise about \$215,700. The bill would require the DEQ to reimburse local health departments (LHDs) for campground inspections (which would replace the amount LHDs currently receive for license applications). The amount provided to LHDs would depend on the number of inspections conducted. The DEQ estimates that up to \$34,300 could be paid to LHDs. This would leave the State with \$181,400 for its administrative costs.

Approximately \$500,000 could be collected under the proposed fees for public swimming pools. The revised fee structure would assess license and construction permit fees based on the square feet of the pool, so annual revenue would vary depending on the size of newly constructed pools. The amount paid to LHDs would depend on the number of inspections they performed. The DEQ estimates the amount to be \$172,500, leaving \$327,500 for DEQ expenses.

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