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Senate Bill 545 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Mark C. Jansen
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 31 (Water Resources Protection) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- Provide that a storm water discharge permit would not be required for a municipality that did not own or operate a separate storm sewer system.
- Prohibit the Department of Environmental Quality from collecting storm water discharge fees from a municipality that did not own or operate a separate storm sewer system.

MCL 324.3118

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would cost the State an indeterminate amount of revenue from stormwater permit fees. Since the Department would be prohibited from collecting fees from certain municipalities that currently pay them, revenue would decrease. It is unknown which municipalities would no longer require a permit. The result of a court decision issued in early 2007 is the re-evaluation of how stormwater permit fees are assessed. According to the Department, it is currently implementing an owner/operator basis for assessing these fees.

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