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Senate Bill 1450 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Senate Bill 1451 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Patricia L. Birkholz  
Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

### **CONTENT**

Senate Bill 1450 (S-1) would amend Part 301 (Inland Lakes and Streams) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to delay from October 1, 2010, until October 1, 2015, a sunset on provisions regarding a preapplication meeting for a permit.

Part 301 requires a person to obtain a permit from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) before engaging in certain activities, such as dredging or filling bottomlands, constructing a marina, or structurally interfering with the natural flow of an inland lake or stream. Section 30104b states that Section 30306b (which provides for preapplication meetings between the DNRE and permit applicants) applies to Part 301.

Section 30104b is set to expire on October 1, 2010. The bill would delay the sunset for five years.

Senate Bill 1451 (S-1) would amend Part 303 (Wetland Protection) of NREPA to repeal Enacting Section 1 of Public Act 592 of 2006, which established an October 1, 2010, expiration date on Section 30306b. The bill instead would establish an October 1, 2015, sunset.

MCL 324.30104b (S.B. 1450)  
324.30306b (S.B. 1451)

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bills would extend the sunset on fees the Department collects when applicants apply for various types of environmental permits. These fees are credited to the Land and Water Management Permit Fee Fund and account for a significant part of the Fund's revenue. In FY 2008-09, the Fund had revenue of \$2,474,500. The fees are used to support various programs within the Water Resource Division of the DNRE as well as administrative units in the Department.

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