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## BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 5223 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Doug Bennett  
House Committee: Appropriations  
Senate Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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**CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 31 (Water Resources Protection) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to delay the expiration of water discharge fees from October 1, 2009, to October 1, 2011. The fees are for the following:

- A storm water discharge permit.
- An application for a new permit, a reissuance of a permit, or a modification of an existing permit authorizing a discharge into surface water, other than a storm water discharge.
- An annual permit authorizing a discharge into surface water, other than a storm water discharge.

MCL 324.3118 & 324.3120

Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would extend the sunset for several storm water discharge permit fees to October 1, 2011. These fees are projected to bring in almost \$1.8 million by the end of FY 2008-09 and are a major funding source for the Department of Environmental Quality's surface water program. Without the ability to collect these fees the Department would very likely be forced to make programmatic cuts to the surface water program.

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