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**ANALYSIS** BILL

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Senate Bill 1079 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Phil Pavlov Committee: Natural Resources

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 115 (Solid Waste Management) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- -- Increase the total duration of a permit for a landfill research, development, and demonstration project (RDDP) from 12 to 21 years.
- -- Revise a reference to an extension of the application processing period for a permit to construct an RDDP.

Under Part 115, a person may submit to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) a project abstract for an RDDP (a research, development, and demonstration project for a new or existing type II landfill unit (which accepts municipal solid waste) or for a lateral expansion of a type II landfill unit). If the DEQ Director determines that the RDDP will provide beneficial data on alternative landfill design, construction, or operating methods, the person may apply for a construction permit authorizing the establishment of the RDDP. The term of an RDDP permit may not exceed three years; the owner or operator, however, may apply for and the DEO may grant an extension for the permit term of up to three years if certain conditions are met. The total permit term with all extensions may not exceed 12 years. The bill would increase the total term, including extensions, to 21 years.

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## FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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