



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 370**

February Session, 2006

House Bill No. 5802

*House of Representatives, April 4, 2006*

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ROY of the 119th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING WATER BASINS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Environmental  
2 Protection shall, within available appropriations, designate and study  
3 three subregional watershed basins, one of which is extremely  
4 stressed, one of which is intermediately stressed and one of which is  
5 near its natural state. In such studies, the department shall evaluate the  
6 social, economic and ecological impact of the level of stress in each  
7 basin. The department shall review public policy choices as they  
8 pertain to natural resource utilization for each basin type. Not later  
9 than January 1, 2007, the department shall submit a report with the  
10 results of the study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
11 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General  
12 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**ENV**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Department of Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	See Below	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), within available resources, to conduct a study on water basins by January 1, 2007. It is anticipated that the DEP could conduct a study, resulting in a minimal fiscal impact and within agency resources. However, it is estimated that funds in the amount of \$200,000 would be necessary for outside consultants to conduct a comprehensive study. These additional funds are not currently available within the agencies normal budgetary resources.

**The Out Years**

None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5802**

***AN ACT CONCERNING WATER BASINS.***

**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/20/2006)