



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 121

Senate, March 31, 2010

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF GENERAL PERMITS
ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) The Commissioner of
2 Environmental Protection may continue in effect any general permit
3 issued by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of title 22a of
4 the general statutes, beyond the expiration date for such permit,
5 provided the commissioner publishes notice of a tentative
6 determination to renew such general permit in accordance with any
7 applicable provision of said title 22a not less than one hundred eighty
8 days prior to the expiration date of such general permit. Any such
9 general permit continued in effect beyond its expiration date shall
10 remain in effect until the commissioner makes a final decision on the
11 renewal of such general permit, in accordance with the provisions of
12 said title 22a. The commissioner may require the remittance of a
13 registration fee in an amount not to exceed the existing registration fee
14 for such general permit whenever a general permit is continued in

15 effect beyond its expiration date. Nothing in this section shall affect the
16 obligation of any person to register for a general permit pursuant to
17 the provisions of said title 22a in a timely fashion or to comply with
18 any general permit issued by the commissioner pursuant to the
19 provisions of said title 22a.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section
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ENV *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill does not result in a fiscal impact as the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would still be collecting the same amount of revenue, approximately \$1.0 million annually under these provisions, as it does under current law.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 121*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF GENERAL PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill allows the environmental protection commissioner to extend the expiration date of any general permit. An extended permit is valid until the commissioner makes a final decision on renewal. The commissioner must publish notice of her tentative determination at least 180 days before the permit expires. She may require a registration fee, not to exceed the existing fee, for an extended permit. Permit applicants must still (1) register for permits in a timely fashion and (2) comply with laws governing permits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2010

BACKGROUND***General and Individual Permits***

The Department of Environmental Protection issues both individual and general permits to regulate activities. Individual permits are issued directly to an applicant, while general permits authorize similar minor activities by one or more applicants.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

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