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Senate Bill No. 204

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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 EXEMPTING THE WHITE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FROM CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) No nonprofit land
2 conservation foundation that owns three thousand or more acres of
3 land as of the effective date of this section shall be required to install
4 any facility to store wastewater or to provide for the conveyance of
5 such wastewater to a publicly-owned treatment works by means of a
6 licensed subsurface sewage disposal system in order to remain
7 authorized to discharge wastewater from a subsurface sewage disposal
8 system in accordance with a general permit issued by the
9 Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to section 22a-
10 430b of the general statutes.

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 12 \$
Department of Environmental Protection	GF - Revenue Loss	6,085

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill exempts a nonprofit land conservation foundation owning a certain amount of land from various water discharge provisions. This would result in a revenue loss of \$6,085 in FY 12 as a one-time application fee of \$4,975 and an initial fee of \$1,110 would not be collected.

The Out Years

A renewal fee of \$1,110 is collected by DEP every five years for wastewater discharge purposes. In FY 16, there would be a revenue loss of \$1,100 pertaining to the exemption of these permitting requirements.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 204****AN ACT EXEMPTING THE WHITE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FROM CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS.****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) from requiring a nonprofit land conservation foundation owning at least 3,000 acres as of the bill's effective date to (1) install a wastewater storage facility or (2) provide for wastewater conveyance by a licensed subsurface sewage disposal system to a publicly owned treatment works in order to be allowed to discharge wastewater from a subsurface sewage disposal system under a discharge general permit issued by the department.

By law, a DEP wastewater discharge permit is required for any discharge into state waters, including those from subsurface sewage disposal systems. DEP delegated permitting authority for domestic sewage discharges of 5,000 gallons or less daily to any one lot through at least one subsurface sewage disposal system, to the Department of Public Health.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/21/2011)