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AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Revenue Gain	Potential	Potential

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Various Municipalities	Savings	Potential	Potential

Explanation

Section 1 expands a current exemption from having to obtain solid waste and water discharge permits for leaf composting facilities to those facilities that add grass clippings to the leaf compost.

Applications for these two types of permits require detailed site plans that may prepared for municipalities by outside consultants. This exemption may result in savings to various municipalities to the extent outside consultants were retained for this purpose. Expansion of the permit exemption does not result in a revenue loss to DEEP associated with permit fees, as no revenue was collected for this purpose in FY 17.

Section 2 requires anyone who possesses or sells fallow deer to

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obtain a game breeder's license from DEEP. The provision of additional game breeder's licenses, at a cost of \$27 each, is anticipated to result in a minimal revenue gain to DEEP. In FY 17, DEEP collected \$1,485 collected from issuance of 55 game breeders' licenses.

Section 3 of the bill allows the DEEP commissioner to establish and issue lifetime authorizations for hunting and fishing, but does not specify fees for obtaining these licenses. Any revenue gain would depend on the fee schedule adopted by DEEP. In FY 17, there were 207,543 hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses sold, generating approximately \$6.4 million in revenue.

Lastly, **Section 4** specifies areas where there is no closed season, creel limit, and length restriction for taking carp by bow and arrow. This provision codifies current practice and has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of additional sportsmen licenses sold.