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sHB-6501

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STREAMLINING OF CERTAIN  
PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Less than 15,000	Less than 15,000

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill makes numerous changes to various environment-related statutes.

It requires that anyone whose certification lapses for more than one year must retake the pesticide applicator examination and submit the associated late fees to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Currently, pesticide application certifications are valid for five years. This is expected to result in a revenue gain to DEEP, anticipated to be less than \$15,000 annually, as some amount of late fees are estimated to be collected by the agency.<sup>1</sup>

Additionally, the bill establishes annual fees for people operating

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<sup>1</sup> Late fees under the bill are 10% of the renewal fee, plus 1.25% per month or part of a month, dating from when the certification lapsed.

under various general permits issued by DEEP on or after October 1, 2021. It requires applicants to pay the annual fee in addition to the registration fee required currently. This is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact, although it may shift revenue collection from these permits from one fiscal year to the next.

Unless a general permit specifies otherwise, the bill requires anyone conducting a regulated activity under a general permit to pay an annual fee of either \$200 or \$100 depending on the circumstance.

The bill makes other changes that are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation, the amount of late fees, and additional annual general permit fees submitted to DEEP.