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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5627  
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AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING HARBOR MASTERS"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Environment, Government Administration  
and Elections

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5627

STATE IMPACT	Potential Cost and Minimal Cost (General Fund), Potential Revenue Gain (Transportation Fund), see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Minimal Cost, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Environmental Protection, Transportation, Judicial

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: As the result of the passage of this bill, the duties and responsibilities of the State's Harbor Master program will be transferred from the DOT to DEP. Approximately \$28,000 to \$29,000 is allocated in the current fiscal year's budget for the payment of Harbor Master and Deputy Harbor Master salaries. For fiscal year 1993, about \$32,000 has been allocated to the Harbor Master program. The salaries of the Harbor Masters range from \$450 to \$750. Deputy Harbor Masters receive annual payments of \$300. As a percentage of the Bureau of Aviation and Ports personnel time relative to all other functions and dates, approximately 20% or \$7,600 is devoted to Harbormaster administrative activities. It is not clear whether the funding responsibility will remain with the DOT or whether the DEP would have to assume the financing of the program. No funds currently exist within the DEP's budget for this program.

Since a fee was never attached to the DOT's permit requirement, its repeal would have no revenue impact. Any costs to the DEP for adopting regulations is anticipated to be minimal since the regulations are not technical and only minor changes must be made.

Since a fine of \$50 is being eliminated, and a fine of at least \$85 for an infraction is being imposed, a potential revenue gain to the Special Transportation Fund can be anticipated.

Any increased activity incurred by the State Police is anticipated to be minimal and absorbed within current resources.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: Any increase in municipal duties related to harbor masters is anticipated to be handled within existing resources. The majority of activities are discretionary. Any increase in revenue due to recovery of costs cannot be determined.