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BILL NUMBER: sHB 5682
FILE NUMBER:
AMENDMENTS: House "A" & "E"

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Commerce and Exportation, Environment

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sHB 5682

STATE IMPACT	Cost, Increased Efficiency and Minimal Cost, Can Be Absorbed, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Minimal Savings, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Environmental Protection, Legislative Management, Various

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE AND MUNICIPAL IMPACT: Passage of this bill as amended would allow the Department of Environmental Protection to issue general permits in the areas of stationary air pollution sources, tidal wetlands and structures and dredging in navigable waters, to streamline the hearing process, and other procedures; and allows rather than requires certain regulations. These changes would reduce paperwork and other administrative costs and enable the DEP to reduce its current permit and regulation backlog and focus decreased agency resources on major activities. However, requiring that DEP adopt regulations on requirements of plans for the disposal or recycling of ash residue will require the use of resources not currently budgeted for. It is anticipated that \$25,000 to \$50,000 in additional funds or 1/2 to 1 full person year and associated costs would be needed to comply with this requirement. It is anticipated that the issuance of general permits will have no net effect on fee revenue. The various streamlining provisions in the bill will minimally reduce the administrative costs to various State agencies and municipalities. In addition, requiring DEP to review permit procedures and submit a plan for streamlining to the Commerce and Exportation and Environment Committees can be handled within existing resources since the agency is, and has been working in these areas.

Provisions of the bill as amended concerning the creation of a new task force will have no net increase in costs to the State since the bill also eliminates an existing task force. Considering additional information when making a determination will not have a fiscal impact on DEP.

House "A" is technical and doesn't change the impact of the bill. House "E" adds the regulatory requirement and increases costs to DEP.