

### Fiscal Estimate - 2001 Session

Original       Updated       Corrected       Supplemental

LRB Number **01-2622/2**      Introduction Number **AB-204**

**Subject**  
Wetland water quality certification

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**  
 No State Fiscal Effect  
 Indeterminate  
     Increase Existing Appropriations       Increase Existing Revenues       Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget  
     Decrease Existing Appropriations       Decrease Existing Revenues       Yes       No  
     Create New Appropriations       Decrease Costs

**Local:**  
 No Local Government Costs  
 Indeterminate  
    1.  Increase Costs      3.  Increase Revenue  
     Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory  
    2.  Decrease Costs      4.  Decrease Revenue  
     Permissive  Mandatory       Permissive  Mandatory  
    5. Types of Local Government Units Affected  
     Towns       Village       Cities  
     Counties       Others  
     School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**  
 GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEGS

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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

**DNR 3/26/01**

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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Bill Summary: This bill incorporates into state law the content of some of the federal provisions governing the issuance of Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) permits for discharges into wetlands. Under the bill, no one may discharge dredged or fill material into a wetland unless the discharge is authorized by a certification from DNR that the discharge will meet all applicable state water quality standards. The bill also allows the Department to issue general permits for types of discharges that are similar in nature. Additionally, this bill incorporates into state law certain federal provisions regarding exemptions from discharge permits, and provisions related to artificial wetlands.

FISCAL ESTIMATE: The Department anticipates no state or local fiscal impact associated with this bill. Under current law, the Department determines whether wetland projects over which the ACE asserts jurisdiction comply with state water quality standards. The number of water quality certification decisions made by the Department is not expected to increase under this bill from the number expected prior to the U.S. Supreme Court's recent opinion limiting the types of waters for which ACE discharge permits are required.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

None.