

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 3/20/01

LRB Number	01-2845/3	Introduction Number	AB-215	Estimate Type	Original
Subject					
Moratorium on discharges into wetlands					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Bill Summary: This bill places a moratorium on any person discharging dredged or fill material into wetlands for which U.S. army corps of engineers (ACE) discharge permits are no longer required, with certain exceptions. Discharges that are authorized by certain permits or approvals under state law, discharges that are not subject to these requirements and that would have been exempt on January 8, 2001, from the wetland water quality standards set by the DNR, discharges that are allowed under discharge permits that were issued by ACE before the date of the U.S. Supreme Court decision, and discharges that are the result of activities that would have qualified for an exemption from the federal permitting process on January 8, 2001 are excepted from the moratorium. These provisions sunset on July 1, 2001.

Fiscal Impact: This bill has no fiscal impact at either the state or local level. Any monitoring necessary to enforce the provisions of this bill would already be incorporated within the Department's existing workload.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications