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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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program within the Department of Environmental Protection. Under this program, alteration of freshwater wetlands will require a permit which will be granted if the alteration meets certain standards. The bill also provides for the delegation of permit-granting authority to a municipality at the municipality's request, defines a violation, authorizes enforcement by certain law enforcement officers, and exempts draining for agriculture, normal forestry management, peat mining, hydropower projects and certain minor repairs and maintenance. The bill also establishes a penalty for violation and provides an appropriation.

CA-H-191: The Committee Amendment (majority report) changes the current law to reflect the fact that wetland maps have been adopted; deletes from the bill the requirement that municipalities which have been delegated the authority to regulate wetlands need to have permits they issue approved by the Board of Environmental Protection and requires instead that a copy of an approved permit be sent to the board; clarifies the agricultural and hydropower exemption; adds an exemption for interstate pipelines; and revises the appropriation.

SA-S-352: Deletes the appropriation since the funding for the program was provided in the Part II Budget.

LD:

839 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO PROMULGATE EXPERIMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN NONTOXIC SOLID WASTE

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SUMMARY:

The bill would have authorized the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt regulations governing the disposal of "non-toxic" solid waste such as chicken manure and fish processing waste. The disposal methods contemplated included use as a soil additive. The bill was withdrawn by the sponsor when it became clear that the DEP is already authorized under its general statutes to supervise such activities.