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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 473, L.D. 667, Bill, "An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Seek Authority to Administer the Provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act"

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Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and substituting the following:

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'An Act to Require the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to Evaluate the Financial and Staff Resources Necessary to Assume Responsibility for Certain Provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act'

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Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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'State assumption of federal water pollution control authority. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall prepare an analysis of the financial and staff resources necessary for the Department of Environmental Protection to successfully seek approval from the federal Environmental Protection Agency to administer a state National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program. The commissioner shall submit the analysis along with recommendations for any necessary funding mechanisms to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources no later than February 1, 1992 for review.'

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FISCAL NOTE

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Costs associated with the Department of Environmental Protection preparing staff and financial resources analysis

2 needed to implement the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination
System program, including reporting to the Legislature, will be
4 absorbed within existing resources of the department.'

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires
the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to prepare an
10 analysis of the staff and financial resources needed by the
Department of Environmental Protection to assume responsibility
12 for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System currently
administered by the federal Environmental Protection Agency under
14 the federal Water Pollution Control Act. The commissioner is
directed to submit the analysis to the Legislature for review in
16 1992.

Reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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