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WETLANDS PERMITS

House Bill 4678

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**Committee: Conservation, Environment,
& Great Lakes Affairs**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4678 AS INTRODUCED 4-29-93

Currently, under the Goemaere-Anderson Wetland Protection Act, a municipality that adopts a wetlands ordinance may provide for a more stringent regulation of wetlands than is provided under the act, provided that it notifies the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR must develop agreements with such municipalities stating that, under most circumstances, the department could not issue a permit if the municipality had denied permission under its ordinance, and that each person applying for a permit would apply directly to the municipality, using an application form supplied by DNR. If a municipality has a wetlands within its boundaries, but does not have a wetlands ordinance, then the DNR must send it a copy of a wetlands permit application. The municipality then has 45 days in which to review the application, hold a hearing, and recommend approval, modification or denial of the permit to the department. The department must then approve, modify, or deny the application. Under House Bill 4678, the DNR would also have to notify the municipality when it had issued a permit within the municipality's jurisdiction.

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