

# Fiscal Analysis

## AQUATIC NUISANCE CONTROL



**Bill/Sponsor** HOUSE BILL 4729 As Introduced, Rep. John J. Gleason

**House Committee** Great Lakes and Tourism

**Analysis Summary**

This bill would transfer authority for the aquatic nuisance program from the Department of Environmental Quality to the Department of Agriculture.

House Bill 4729 would amend Part 83 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to subject persons in violation of Part 33 (Aquatic Nuisance Control) to fines, warnings, and orders to stop prohibited conduct by the Director of the Department of Agriculture. This bill is tie-barred to HB 4730.

House Bill 4730 establishes an aquatic nuisance control program in the Department of Agriculture and revises the current fee structure administered by the Department of Environmental Quality. Permitted treatment activity could occur within 5, 10, or 15 days of application, depending on the nature and scope of desired nuisance control and treatment.

**Fiscal Impact**

Administrative authority and fee revenue collected from permits would be transferred from the Department of Environmental Quality to the Department of Agriculture. The fee structure would be revised.

| <u>Area to be Treated</u>                            | <u>Current law</u> | <u>HB 4730</u> |
|--|--------------------|----------------|
| Less than ½ acre                                     | No fee             | \$25.00        |
| Equal to or more than ½ acre and less than 2 acres   | \$50.00            | \$75.00        |
| Equal to or more than 2 acres and less than 10 acres | \$150.00           | \$175.00       |
| 10 or more acres                                     | \$150.00           | \$300.00       |

Total revenue under proposed new fees may not be more than the under the existing fee structure. Actual revenue would depend on the volume and nature of treatments permitted under this program.

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