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GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS

House Bill 4192 as introduced Sponsor: Rep. Greg VanWoerkom

House Bill 4193 as introduced Sponsor: Rep. Will Snyder

Committee: Natural Resources and Tourism

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4192 would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to place mobile home parks with fewer than 1,000 residents that would otherwise be considered a group 1 facility in the same fee category as a group 2 facility for purposes of determining the amount paid for obtaining an annual groundwater discharge permit.

House Bill 4193 would amend the same section of NREPA to place a campground that has 1,000 or fewer sites and would otherwise be considered a group 1 facility in the same category.

Presently, the permit fee for a group 1 facility is \$7,500. Under the bill, mobile home parks and campgrounds that fall under the 1,000 threshold for residents or campsites, respectively, would pay the same fee, \$1,800, as a group 2 facility. These mobile home parks and campgrounds would not be considered group 2 facilities under the bill, but would pay the same fee amount.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bills 4192 and 4193 are likely to alter EGLE revenues by amending the definition of which facilities are subject to varying levels of the groundwater discharge permit fee. Fee revenue generates about \$1.2 million in annual revenue. The department estimates that HB 4192 would reduce this revenue by \$188,100 and that HB 4193 would reduce this revenue by \$28,500. This fee revenue primarily supports the water quality programs appropriation in EGLE's Water Resources Division. These programs include water quality monitoring as well as permitting processes for groundwater, stormwater, and wastewater operations. These efforts are supported by \$37.4 million Gross (\$11.3 million GF/GP) and 232.0 FTE positions in FY 2024-25, which includes the aforementioned groundwater discharge permit fee revenue. The bills are unlikely to affect EGLE costs, local government revenues, or local government costs.

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