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AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN ENVIRONMENT RELATED STATUTES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Department of Energy and	GF - Potential	Under	Under
Environmental Protection	Revenue Gain	20,000	20,000
Note: GF=General Fund			

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes various changes to environment-related statutes:

Section 10 authorizes the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to renew certain lapsed pesticide applicator certifications without reexamination, but with payment of a late fee.¹ This is expected to result in a revenue gain to DEEP, anticipated to be minimal, as some amount of late fees are expected to be collected by the agency.

Additionally, **Section 11** authorizes DEEP to register pesticides either on an annual basis or, as under current law, for five-year periods. As DEEP is currently shifting this program to an e-licensing system, this could alter the distribution of revenue on an annual basis but is not anticipated to change the overall amount revenue collected under the

¹ Under the bill, the late fee is equal to 10% of the renewal fee, plus 1.25% per month or part of a month, dating from when the certification lapsed.

program.

Lastly, **Section 16** of the bill applies existing penalties (of up to \$1,000 for a violation, plus up to \$100 for each day that the violation continues) for failing to file certain documents under the radiation materials laws. This provision could result in a minimal revenue gain to DEEP to the extent violations occur.

The bill makes other changes that are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the amount of fees remitted.