



**152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT**

BILL:	SENATE BILL NO. 290
SPONSOR:	Senator Hansen
DESCRIPTION:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF WETLANDS.

In accordance with 29 Del. C. §913, the following information is provided relating to licenses and fees.

Description of the Legislation:

This Act creates a State nontidal (freshwater) wetlands program in addition to the existing State tidal wetlands program within the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Division of Water.

Affected Entities:

Affected entities are DNREC and any business or person applying for a permit to dredge, drain, fill, bulkhead, or construct in a nontidal wetland.

Fiscal Impact:

DNREC estimates that the previous program, operated by the United States Army Corp of Engineers processed 700 permits annually. If DNREC charges \$250 per permit, the total revenue generated would be approximately \$175,000 annually.

Fiscal Year 2025: \$175,000

Fiscal Year 2026: \$175,000

Fiscal Year 2027: \$175,000

Intended Use of Revenue:

Revenue generated by wetlands permit fees are to be appropriated to DNREC, Division of Watershed Stewardship to carry out the purposes of the program.

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