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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