



152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FEE IMPACT

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

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*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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