



153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FEE IMPACT

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**BILL:** SENATE BILL NO. 9  
**SPONSOR:** Senator Hansen  
**DESCRIPTION:** AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF WETLANDS.

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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 nontidal wetlands program in addition to the existing State tidal wetlands program within the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC).

**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 Corps of Engineers, processed 700 permits annually. DNREC estimates approximately 550 applications with a fee of \$450 each, generating approximately \$247,500 annually.

**Fiscal Year 2027:** Collections begin upon program implementation

**Fiscal Year 2028:** \$247,500

**Fiscal Year 2029:** \$247,500

**Intended Use of Revenue:**

Revenues generated by wetlands permit fees are to be appropriated to DNREC to carry out the purposes of the program.

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