153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT

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.**

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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