



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Richter, BB0498 - Wastewater general permit fees and staffing

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

Fee for WPDES general permits

Under current law, a person may not discharge a pollutant into waters of the state without a Wisconsin pollutant discharge elimination system permit issued by DNR. In addition to site-specific individual permits, DNR is authorized to issue a general permit that authorizes specified discharges in a designated area of the state. This bill requires DNR to charge a \$425 processing fee for these permits.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 283.35 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

283.35 (1) AUTHORIZATION. Instead of issuing a separate permit to an individual point source, the department may issue a general permit applicable to a designated area of the state authorizing discharges from specified categories or classes of point sources located within that area. The department shall charge a processing fee of \$425 for each permit issued under this subsection.

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