

**Department of Planning and Budget
2011 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: SB1007

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Watkins

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Permit fees for solid waste facilities.

5. Summary: Establishes the same fee structure for sanitary landfills, noncaptive industrial landfills, and construction and demolition debris landfills. All of these types of facilities will be required to pay an annual fee of \$0.115 per ton of waste deposited in their facility. Currently, noncaptive industrial landfills pay an annual fee of \$8,000 and construction and demolition debris landfills pay \$4,000 annually, while the fee schedule for sanitary landfills is based on the annual tonnage of waste deposited in the landfill. Incinerators and energy recovery facilities will be assessed an annual fee of \$0.06 per ton. The fees will be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index. The annual fee has been increased for other types of facilities such as composting, regulated medical waste, transfer stations, etc. The bill also requires the Department of Environmental Quality to continue its efforts to improve its solid waste program and submit a report to the General Assembly regarding such efforts by December 1, 2011.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: In FY 2011, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) billed \$2.34 million of permit fees for the solid waste program. The proposed new annual permit fees have been calculated and compared to the current FY 2011 billings for solid waste. This bill would change the total amount billed by approximately \$18,000, or to around \$2.36 million, assuming that the number of tons remain stable from year to year. However, due to the variability in the number of each type of facility, this is not a significant fiscal impact, so fiscal impacts have not been listed in section 7 above.

Fees for captive facilities have been included in this fiscal impact statement. DEQ has assumed, for the purpose of this fiscal impact statement that the amount charged for captive-post closure landfills is the same as the amount charged for facilities in post-closure care.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

Date: 2/21/2011