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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7707 | **NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 1, 2005
BILL NUMBER: SB 620 | **BILL AMENDED:** Feb 28, 2005

SUBJECT: Combined Sewer Overflows.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Gard | **BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate
FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Wolkins

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL** | **IMPACT:** State & Local
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Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill amends the permissible terms of certain variances from water quality standards and of variance renewals. It requires a variance application to include a pollutant minimization plan. The bill also establishes a combined sewer overflow (CSO) wet weather limited use designation for waters directly affected by receiving CSO's as specified in an approved long term control plan. It establishes requirements for long term control plans.

The bill provides that where appropriate, environmental permits must contain a schedule of compliance. It requires the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), upon request of an NPDES permittee, to establish a schedule of compliance to meet water quality based requirements during development, approval, and implementation of a long term control plan. The bill also requires IDEM to review and revise the guidance developed for CSO communities.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill requires the Department of Environmental Management to review and revise the combined sewer overflow guidance developed for communities. The Department should be able to cover any increase in administrative burden using existing resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill provides clarification for local units in creating long term control plans concerning water pollution control. It does not create nor remove any requirements currently

provided for in statute. Such clarification could potentially provide liability protection for units when between the submission, approval and implementation stages of the long term control plan process.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Units that are required to complete long term control plans.

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