

HB 1801 -- DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SPONSOR: Miller

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

Currently, several Department of Natural Resources fees expire December 31, 2018. This bill extends, until December 31, 2024, the expiration of the hazardous waste generator permits, land reclamation permits, and water pollution control permits. The bill also repeals the expired provisions requiring a comprehensive review, with stakeholders, of the water pollution control permits structure.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that currently the fee structure authorization for many of the department's fees are to expire at the end of the year. This bill would extend the authorization for the department to set fees and therefore, help keep adequate funding for the department.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Miller and the Department of Natural Resources.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.