

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1158

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PIETZMAN.

1639H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

To amend chapter 640, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to assistance for applicants for permits issued by the department of natural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 640, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 640.019, to read as follows:

**640.019. 1. The department of natural resources shall provide assistance to permit applicants throughout the permitting process. The department shall designate one person to provide assistance to all permit applicants. The designated person shall be trained in the permitting process and qualified to assist all permit applicants. The assistance provided shall include, but not be limited to:**

**(1) Identifying the permits an applicant will need to comply with all laws and regulations of the department of natural resources;**

**(2) Identifying any information missing or omitted from any permit application that is necessary for review and issuance of the permit by the department of natural resources; and**

**(3) Providing technical assistance to permit applicants in the completion of permit applications.**

**2. If the department of natural resources fails to provide the assistance required under subsection 1 of this section to any permit applicant due to a lack of trained and qualified personnel or any other reason, the department shall reduce the fees associated with each permit it issues to the applicant by an amount equal to the costs the applicant incurred to seek assistance from outside sources. The applicant shall submit**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **documentation to the department of the costs he or she incurred in seeking assistance from**  
19 **outside sources on any permit application, and the department shall reduce the fees**  
20 **associated with the permit by an amount equal to the incurred costs. If the costs incurred**  
21 **exceed the fees associated with the permit, the permit applicant shall not owe any fees**  
22 **associated with the permit, but he or she shall not receive any reimbursement payment**  
23 **from the department of natural resources for the costs not recovered.**

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