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**LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2015**

Bill Number: H.489, Sec 22b Name of Bill: An act relating to revenue

Agency/ Dept: ANR/DEC Author of Bill Review: Megan O'Toole

Date of Bill Review: May 19, 2015 Related Bills and Key Players: \_\_\_\_\_

Status of Bill: (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Upon Introduction \_\_\_\_\_ As passed by 1<sup>st</sup> body  As passed by both

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**Recommended Position:**

Support \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose \_\_\_\_\_ Remain Neutral \_\_\_\_\_ Support with modifications identified in #8 below

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**Analysis of Bill**

1. **Summary of bill and issue it addresses.** *Describe what the bill is intended to accomplish and why.* This bill will allow for the registration of air contaminant sources, as specified by rule, that emit less than 5 tons of air contaminants per year.
2. **Is there a need for this bill?** *Please explain why or why not.* Yes. This bill will create more fairness and equity in the permitting and registration programs by requiring some small sources that emit potentially harmful contaminants to pay an annual fee.
3. **What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?**  
This bill could provide an estimated \$20,000 in additional fee revenue following adoption of regulatory amendments to require registration of several source categories that currently emit less than 5 tons per year.
4. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** This bill is unlikely to impact any other departments in state government.
5. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** *(for example, public, municipalities, organizations, business, regulated entities, etc)*  
Small air contaminant sources that would become subject to the new registration requirement may object to the \$500 annual fee that will be imposed on these sources.
6. **Other Stakeholders:**
  - 6.1 **Who else is likely to support the proposal and why?** Sensitive populations and those interested in cleaner air, better emissions data and oversight of smaller sources that emit toxic contaminants.
  - 6.2 **Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why?**
7. **Rationale for recommendation:** *Justify recommendation stated above.* This change would help the Air Quality and Climate Division administer its programs more effectively, account for the resources spent on some types of small sources, and improve air quality.

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8. Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill: *Not meant to rewrite bill, but rather, an opportunity to identify simple modifications that would change recommended position.*

9. Gubernatorial appointments to board or commission?

Commissioner has reviewed this document:  Date: 5/20/15

Secretary has reviewed this document:  Date: 5-20-15