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sHB-5518

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND DRINKING WATER STATUTES.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 5666)

House Calendar No.: 363

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill makes various unrelated changes to environmental health and drinking water statutes, resulting in a potential General Fund revenue gain beginning in FY 27 as described below.

**Section 7** expands the Department of Public Health's (DPH) oversight of environmental laboratories, including the ability to assess certain civil penalties<sup>1</sup> against out-of-state laboratories' in-state service centers, resulting in a potential General Fund revenue gain beginning in FY 27. The exact revenue gain, if any, is dependent on the number of violations and DPH's discretion in assessing civil penalties.

**House "A"** makes technical and procedural changes to the underlying bill as well as additional changes regarding on-site

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<sup>1</sup> DPH may issue civil fines of up to \$5,000 per day for environmental laboratory violations, which is extended to in-state service centers by the bill.

wastewater specialists and water operator apprentices, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities. DPH and the Department of Labor have sufficient resources to meet the requirements of the bill.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations and value of assessed civil penalties.

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