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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6072**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1850**

**DATE PREPARED: Oct 23, 1998**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Inspection of septic tanks near bodies of water.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires each local board of health and the Marion County Division of Public Health to inspect septic tanks within 100 feet of a body of water for compliance with state and federal laws. The bill allows a local board of health and the governing board of the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County to adopt rules requiring that septic tanks within 100 feet of a body of water be registered.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The fiscal impact of this bill is unknown and is dependant on the number of septic tanks within 100 feet of a body of water and the cost of inspections by the local board of health. There are approximately 840,000 septic systems in the state of Indiana. No information is available on the number of septic systems within 100 feet of a body of water. According to the Association of Counties no information is available on the cost of septic system inspections. A septic system is inspected by the local board of health when the system is first implemented, but not inspected again unless there is a complaint. The fiscal impact of this bill would be larger on rural counties than on urban counties.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local Boards of Health, Marion County Division of Public Health.

**Information Sources:** Howard Cundiff, State Department of Health, 233-7182.