

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2145

Relating to the performance of work on wells

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

HB 2145 establishes the Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund to provide financial assistance to permanently abandon water wells, or to repair and replace water wells used for household purposes.

This measure outlines various requirements related to the oversight and permitting of wells and increases the fee for when a well is constructed or modified from \$225 to \$350.

This measure also extends continuing education requirements for well contractors and requires the Water Resources Department to report to the Legislature on the agency's oversight of well drilling activities.

The recommended amendment provides funding for the Water Resources Department to establish positions to implement the provisions of the bill and provides a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 for deposit in the Fund.

The Natural Subcommittee recommends HB 2145 be amended by the –A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.