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H 1145. CLOSURE OF INDUSTRIAL LAGOONS. TO AUTHORIZE THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMM'N TO ADOPT TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT RULES GOVERNING CLOSURE OF INDUSTRIAL LAGOONS. Authorizes Environmental Management Comm'n to adopt rules governing the maintenance, operation, closure, and postclosure care of an industrial lagoon. Requires owners of industrial lagoons to establish and maintain evidence of financial responsibility to ensure sufficient funds for facility closure and postclosure monitoring and corrective measures. Requires owner of an industrial lagoon to close the lagoon within one year after cessation of the activities for which the lagoon was permitted and to perform any postclosure remediation required by law. Authorizes Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources to perform closure or postclosure remediation if owner fails to do so. Provides that any person owning land on which an industrial lagoon is or has been located, or who owned the land while the lagoon was in operation, or who disposed of waste in the lagoon shall have joint and several liability for closure or remediation costs that exceed the amount of financial responsibility established by the owner. Imposes an annual fee of \$1,000 on any treatment works for which a water quality permit is required that includes an industrial lagoon, effective Jan. 1, 2004. Remainder of act effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Nesbitt.

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