

HB 1804 -- DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources to provide assistance to small businesses applying for permits by designating one or more people who are trained in the process to assist applicants. The staff must be trained in the permit application process, but not involved in the review or approval of permits. No later than January 1, 2021, the department must post on its website exemplars of completed and approved permit applications.

If the department fails to provide the required assistance, the department must reduce the fees associated with each permit it issues to the applicant by an amount equal to the costs the applicant incurred to seek assistance from outside sources.

This bill is similar to HB 1158 (2019).