

## Underground Injection Control Wells; HB 2525

**HB 2525** directs the Secretary of Health and Environment (Secretary) to deposit the following fees into the Water Program Management Fund (Water Fund):

- Water well contractor application and license fees;
- Class 1 and Class 5 underground injection control (UIC) well permitting, monitoring, testing, inspection, and regulation fees; and
- Fees, charges, or penalties from the certification of operators for water supply system and wastewater treatment facilities.

The bill authorizes the Secretary to remit revenue from the fees to the State Treasurer who, upon receipt of the funds, will deposit the entirety of the funds to the credit of the Water Fund, rather than to the State General Fund.

The bill requires the Secretary to adopt rules and regulations to establish fees for:

- The permitting, monitoring, testing, inspecting, and regulating of Class 1 UIC wells. The fees cannot exceed the following amounts:
  - \$6,500 per active, hazardous waste injection well;
  - \$4,500 per active, non-hazardous waste injection well; or
  - \$1,000 per any hazardous or non-hazardous waste injection well in monitoring or inactive status;

The bill requires the Secretary to provide for a reduction in such fees for facilities already subject to these fees; and

- The permitting, monitoring, testing, inspecting, and regulating of Class 5 UIC wells, which cannot exceed \$2,000 per well.

The bill prohibits establishing such fees for small-capacity, sanitary septic systems, including single-family residential septic systems and non-residential septic systems that are used solely for sanitary waste.

The bill authorizes the Secretary to remit revenue from the new fees to the State Treasurer who, upon receipt of the funds, will deposit the entirety of the funds to the credit of the Subsurface Hydrocarbon Storage Fund.