



STATE AND PROVINCIAL GREAT LAKES AND WATER LEGISLATION, 2021

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State/Province	Bill	Description	Author/Sponsor	Status
Illinois	HB 78	Require annual lead testing and reporting at Chicago public schools	Reps. Mary Flowers and Rita Mayfield (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
Illinois	HB 291 and SB 272	Require health care facilities to implement water management programs with specified elements to control growth, spread of opportunistic pathogens	Rep. Natalie Manley	Referred to committee
Illinois	HB 414 and HB 415	Institute water and sewer assistance program for low-income households; establish rules for allowing water utilities to raise rates	Rep. LaToya Greenwood	Referred to committee
Illinois	HB 653 and SB 67	Require groundwater monitoring at clean construction or demolition debris fill operations and all uncontaminated soil fill operations	Rep. Dagmara Avelar and Sen. Melinda Bush	Referred to committee
Illinois	HB 1796	Allow a municipality to charge residents to offset cost of owning, maintaining, and improving local stormwater infrastructure	Rep. Ann Williams	Referred to committee
Illinois	HB 1863	Allow municipalities to enter into joint efforts to acquire, develop, and operate a joint water supply, joint water works, or both, through intergovernmental cooperation in a regional water commission	Rep. Lawrence Walsh Jr.	Referred to committee

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Illinois	HB 2475 and HB 2476	Require public water supplies to test for endocrine-disrupting chemicals, including androgen and estrogen receptor compounds (HB 2475), and for androgen and estrogen receptor compounds (HB 2476), when conducting testing of water supplies	Rep. Deanne Mazzochi	Referred to committee
Indiana	HB 1090	Remove certain state requirements for municipal lakefront development projects in order to facilitate their development	Rep. Earl Harris, Jr. (GLLC member)	Passed by House
Indiana	HB 1129	Require state maximum contaminant levels for PFAS in water provided by public water systems	Rep. Ryan Dvorak	Referred to committee
Indiana	HB 1151	Require individuals who cause spills of certain substances to report incident to state, local authorities	Rep. Pat Boy	Referred to committee
Indiana	HB 1162	Protect Lake Michigan from fertilizer runoff, including a ban on individuals allowing fertilizer material contained in runoff from a storm event or irrigation return flow to enter into the waterways as a result of land application of fertilizer material	Rep. Ryan Dvorak	Referred to committee
Indiana	HB 1404	Prevent water service disconnections at residences of a customer at which an unemancipated minor less than 18 years of age resides; ensure customers can enter into reasonable amortization agreement to pay any delinquent balance on account	Rep. Renee Pack	Referred to committee
Indiana	SB 389	Repeal state-regulated wetlands law	Sen. Chris Garten	Passed by Senate
Indiana	SB 411 and HB 1380	Specifies that a civil action brought for monetary or injunctive relief due to discharge of a contaminant in substantial compliance with state or federal permit may be brought only as a nuisance action	Sen. Jon Ford and Rep. Alan Morrison	Referred to committee

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Michigan	HB 4025 and SB 47	Eliminate limitation periods for cleanups related to environmental remediation	Rep. Jim Ellison and Sen. Jeremy Moss	Referred to committee
Michigan	HB 4170	HB 4170	Rep. William Sowerby	Referred to committee
Michigan	HB 4123	Allow use of clean water assistance and safe drinking water assistance funds for energy-efficiency water works projects	Rep. Beth Griffin	Referred to committee
Michigan	HB 4248	Establish program for testing and removing lead in drinking water used by schools and childcare centers	Rep. Cynthia Neeley	Referred to committee
Michigan	SB 58	Require cleanups of environmental contamination to including meeting residential and safe drinking water standards	Sen. Jeff Irwin (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
Michigan	SB 61	Expedite expedited permit processing for shoreland projects during periods of high water	Sen. Roger Victory (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
Michigan	SB 108	Require enclosure of piles of coke, other bulk solid materials to prevent pollution	Sen. Stephanie Chang (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
Michigan	SB 124	Require reporting of failed dock or wharf that may cause water pollution	Sen. Erika Geiss	Referred to committee
Michigan	HR 25	Urge Governor to establish statewide goal of conserving at least 30 percent of land, 30 percent of water in state by 2030	Rep. Sarah Lightner	Referred to committee
Minnesota	HF 30 and SF 166	Appropriate money for environment and natural resources trust fund	Rep. Rick Hansen (GLLC member)	HF 30 reported out of committee

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Minnesota	HF 78 and SF 156	Define perfluorochemicals as hazardous substance under Minnesota Environment Response and Liability Act	Rep. Ami Wazlawik and Sen. Karla Bigham (GLLC member)	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 91 and SF 167	Ban perchloroethylene, establish cost-share program funding	Rep. Rick Hansen (GLLC member) and Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 99 and SF 369	Appropriate \$15.5 million in bond proceeds to conserve land and protect water, soil quality	Rep. Rick Hansen and Sen. Carrie Ruud (GLLC members)	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 151 and SF 690	Make appropriations for environment and natural resources trust fund	Rep. Rick Hansen (GLLC member) and Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen	HF 151 reported out of committee
Minnesota	HF 157 and SF 247	Ban manufacture, sale of fishing tackles that contain lead	Rep. Peter Fischer and Sen. Charles Wiger	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 242 and SF 72	Allow repair, replacement of subsurface sewage treatment system to be financed through agriculture best management practices loan program	Rep. Ami Wazlawik and Sen. Karla Bigham (GLLC member)	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 544	Provide low- and no-interest loans to renovate rural municipal water treatment facilities	Rep. Duane Quam (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
Minnesota	HF 557 and SF 357	Modify requirements for replacing wetland	Rep. Shane Mekeland and Sen. Andrew Mathews	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 629 and SF 228	Require studies on sustainability of groundwater, initiate pilot program, require report on artificial aquifer recharge	Rep. Steve Sandell and Sen. Charles Wiger	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 630 and SF 148	Require more monitoring of PFAS and other contaminants in drinking water, more well testing; appropriate state dollars	Rep. Peter Fischer and Sen. Charles Wiger	Referred to committees

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Minnesota	HF 639 and SF 1342	Appropriate \$1.2 million dollars to conserve environmentally sensitive lands (Minnesota Reserve Program)	Rep. Rick Hansen and Sen. Kari Dziedzic (GLLC members)	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 701 and SF 1113	Establish soil-healthy farming goals, create related financial incentives	Rep. Todd Lippert and Sen. Kent Eken	HF 701 reported out of committee
Minnesota	HF 731 and SF 261	Require study evaluating impact of storm water retention and infiltration in urban areas on groundwater and surface water, including potential for contamination from pollutants and effects on stream water flow, lake levels, and groundwater recharge	Rep. Paul Torkelson (GLLC member) and Sen. Bill Weber	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 839 and SF 778	Establish grants to reduce amount of inflow and infiltration in wastewater systems	Rep. Rick Hansen (GLLC member) and Sen. Matt Klein	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 881	Establish new criteria for when Pollution Control Agency may establish and enforce a water resource protection requirement for groundwater	Rep. Steve Green	Referred to committee
Minnesota	HF 885	Allow for alternative wetland mitigation instead of wetland replacement under certain circumstances	Rep. Steve Green	Referred to committee
Minnesota	HF 932 and SF 1037	Establish, provide funds for water quality and storage program	Rep. Peter Fischer and Sen. Founq Hawj	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 936 and SF 1036	Establish, appropriate funds for a soil health cost-share program to improve water quality, among other objectives	Rep. Todd Lippert and Sen. Founq Hawj	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 953	Require public notification of sewer facility overflow, wastewater bypass or wastewater release	Rep. Rick Hansen (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
Minnesota	HF 989 and SF 881	Provide funding for soil and water conservation districts	Rep. Paul Marquart and Sen. Carrie Ruud (GLLC member)	Referred to committees

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Minnesota	HF 1010 and SF 793	Provide funds for statewide soil health action plan development funding provided, precision agriculture research and outreach, agricultural best management practice loan program	Rep. Todd Lippert and Sen. Kent Eken	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 1014 and SF 839	Evaluate, apply whole effluent toxicity as water-quality-based effluent limitations and permit conditions for discharges occurring outside Lake Superior basin	Rep. Paul Marquart and Sen. Mark Johnson	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 1033	Designate perfluorochemicals designated as hazardous substance	Rep. Ami Wazlawik	Referred to committee
Minnesota	HF 1076 and SF 959	Appropriate funds for various environmental programs, including water quality and protection	Rep. Rick Hansen (GLLC member) and Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 1079 and SF 971	Appropriate money for clean water fund	Rep. Leon Lillie and Sen. Carrie Ruud (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
Minnesota	HF 1100 and SF 1000	Issue bonds, appropriate money for clean water	Rep. Luke Frederick and Sen. Gene Dornink	Referred to committees
Minnesota	HF 1155	Provide funding to implement program that reduces sources of PFAS in drinking water	Rep. Peter Fischer	Referred to committee
Minnesota	HF 1177	Provide a grant to develop a farmer-owned cooperative working to commercialize perennial and winter annual crops	Rep. Todd Lippert	Referred to committee
Minnesota	HF 1237	Designate perfluorochemicals as hazardous substance, other provisions	Rep. Rick Hansen (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
Minnesota	HF 1257	Require a cost equity study on public water and wastewater services	Rep. Ron Kresha	Referred to committee

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Minnesota	HF 1294	Prohibit water-use permits that appropriate “vintage groundwater,” require public meetings for certain water-use permits	Rep. Rick Hansen (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
Minnesota	HF 1296 and SF 566	Repeal recent restrictions on spreading manure, ban future restrictions	Rep. Josh Heintzeman and Sen. Bill Weber	SF 566 reported out of committee
Minnesota	HF 1491 and SF 1110	Ban issuance of new water-use permit to appropriate water in excess of 1 million gallons per year for bulk transport sale of water for consumptive use to location more than 50 miles from point of proposed appropriation	Rep. Rick Hansen and Sen. Carrie Ruud (GLLC members)	Referred to committees
Minnesota	SF 373	Ban food packaging that contains PFAS	Sen. Karla Bigham (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
Minnesota	SF 884	Develop training program that promotes best management practices for snow, ice removal and deicer application and allows commercial applicators to obtain certification as water-friendly applicator	Sen. Chris Eaton (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
New York	AB 126 and SB 1759	Create a state emerging contaminants list, require 30 chemicals be added to it	Assemblyman Richard Gottfried and Sen. James Skoufis	AB 126 passed by committee
New York	AB 160 and SB 2122	Require annual testing of school water systems for lead, ensure test results are made public; require tap water provided by schools be free to school occupants; set a lead action level of 0.005 milligrams per liter	Assemblyman Richard Gottfried and Sen. Gustavo Rivera	Referred to committees
New York	AB 797 and SB 2938	Develop formula to calculate residential water cost index, require water works serving 1,000 or more customers to submit indexes to state	Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski and Sen. Leroy Comrie	Referred to committees
New York	AB 903 and SB 355	Ban use of drilling fluids, brine, fracking wastewater from being used on roads	Assemblyman Daniel O’Donnell and Sen. Brad Hoylman	SB 355 passed by committee

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New York	AB 1332 and SB 4480	Ban use of fracking wastewater from being used in de-icing roads or suppressing dust on land	Assemblyman Daniel Rosenthal and Sen. Rachel May	Referred to committees
New York	AB 1368 and SB 528	Make right to clean air, water and a healthful environment a constitutional right	Assemblyman Steve Englebright and Sen. Robert Jackson	Passed by Assembly and Senate
New York	AB 1404 and SB 2914	Ban publicly owned treatment plants from taking fracking wastewater, with some exceptions	Assemblyman Daniel Rosenthal and Sen. Kevin Parker	Referred to committees
New York	AB 1478	Establish one-year moratorium on siting of sewage sludge processing plants; require review of potential environmental risks	Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara	Referred to committee
New York	AB 1480	Appropriate \$100 million for emergency municipal drinking water, stormwater, wastewater infrastructure grants	Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara	Referred to committee
New York	AB 3541 and SB 4712	Set maximum contaminant level for 1,4-Dioxane at 0.35 parts per billion in potable water, groundwater or treatment plant runoff	Assemblyman Jake Ashby and Sen. Anthony Palumbo	Referred to committees
New York	AB 3604	Create Lake Erie bill of rights	Assemblyman Pat Burke	Referred to committee
New York	AB 3917	Charge Department of Environmental Conservation to work with homeowners in flood-prone areas along Lake Erie and its tributaries on a shoreline resiliency plan; state to reimburse up to 50 percent of project costs	Assemblyman Pat Burke	Referred to committee
New York	AB 3928	Declare waters of the state to be public trust resources	Assemblyman Steve Englebright	Referred to committee
New York	AB 3971	Establish a drinking water bill of rights	Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti	Referred to committee
New York	AB 4002	Expand protection of freshwater wetlands by requiring restoration of them and adjacent areas	Assemblyman Steve Englebright	Referred to committee

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New York	AB 4027	Ban fracking; ban acceptance, disposal and/or processing of any fracking fluid	Assemblyman William Colton	Referred to committee
New York	AB 4245	Allow funds from environmental protection fund to be used for land acquisition, flood mitigation and coastal resiliency	Assemblyman Steve Englebright	Referred to committee
New York	AB 4371 and SB 1859	Charge Department of Environmental Conservation to work with homeowners in flood-prone areas along Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River on shoreline resiliency plan; state to reimburse up to 50 percent of project costs	Assemblyman Mark Walczyk (GLLC member) and Sen. Patty Ritchie	Referred to committees
New York	AB 4551 and SB 1256	Require potable water in schools, state and local parks to be tested for lead at least once every three years; any lead found must be abated within 90 days	Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell and Sen. Michael Gianaris	Referred to committees
New York	AB 4961	Require oil/gas drillers and producers to restore or replace water supply they contaminate	Assemblyman Andy Goodell	Referred to committee
New York	AB 5136	Ban use of waste from oil/gas extraction or storage on highways	Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti	Referred to committee
New York	AB 5295	Authorize county-optional Stream Maintenance and Flood Control Program	Assemblyman Joe Angelino	Referred to committee
New York	AB 5302	Create concentrated-animal-feeding-operation compliance revolving loan fund to help farmers plan and implement certified nutrient management plans	Assemblyman Joe Angelino	Referred to committee
New York	AB 5386 and SB 4722	Establish Soil Health & Climate Resiliency Act; fund projects to encourage water management	Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo and Sen. Michelle Hinchey	Referred to committees
New York	SB 48	Establish standards for testing drinking water from privately-owned wells	Sen. Brad Hoylman	Referred to committee

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New York	SB 224 and SB 3968A	Help pay for replacing, rehabilitating local, municipally owned water and sewage systems	Sens. James Tedisco and Michelle Hinchey	Referred to committees
New York	SB 2274	Establish reporting, public hearing requirements for the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Flood Prevention, Response, Recovery and Mitigation Task Force	Sen. Pamela Helming (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
New York	SB 2604	Establish Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Flood Prevention, Response, Recovery program; allow governor to activate National Guard in accordance with the program	Sen. Pamela Helming (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
New York	SB 2641	Establish Drinking Water Quality Institute to make recommendations on ensuring safety of potable water	Sen. Patrick Gallivan (GLLC member)	Referred to committee
New York	SB 4011	Set maximum levels for PFCAs and PFSAs in drinking water	Sen. Neil Breslin	Referred to committee
New York	SB 4099	Ban horizontal drilling and fracking	Sen. Kevin Parker	Referred to committee
Ohio	SB 19	Establish property tax exemption for certain property used for wetland mitigation or water quality improvement projects	Sen. Tim Schaffer	Referred to committee
Ontario	Bills 14-23, Bills 25-27 and Bill 29	Investigate problem of zebra mussels in various waterways	MPP Gilles Bisson	First reading/ carried
Ontario	Bill 110	Prohibit hydraulic fracturing	MPP Peter Tabuns	First reading/ carried
Ontario	Bill 166	Amend Great Lakes Protection Act; add tourism promotion and other economic activities that respect basin's ecological health; add section on consultation with other jurisdictions in basin	MPP Toby Barrett	Ordered to standing committee

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Ontario	Bill 198	Require public notification of discharge or escape of pollutant into waterway	MPP Sandy Shaw	First reading/ carried
Ontario	Bill 228	Require people who sell or construct floating platforms, docks or buoys to ensure that any expanded or extruded polystyrene in the structure is fully encapsulated	MPP Norman Miller	First reading/ carried
Pennsylvania	HB 353	Require oil/gas producers to include a tracer substance in fracking fluid to track origin of fluids that impair water quality	Rep. MaryLouise Isaacson	Referred to committee
Pennsylvania	HB 465	Require public schools and non-public schools to test all outlets used for cooking and drinking annually for lead	Rep. Karen Bobak	Referred to committee
Québec	Bill 67	Establish a new development regime for flood zones of lakes and watercourses	Andrée Laforest, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing	Referred to committee
Québec	Bill 695	Set maximum concentration of manganese in drinking water at 0.06 milligrams per liter	Marie-Claude Nichols	Introduced
Wisconsin	AB 13 and SB 34	Bar rules applying to materials contaminated with PFAS-containing firefighting foam; from defining “treatment” as requiring destruction, immobilization or removal of contaminant; also, restrict notice of PFAS discharge, specifying the frequency of sample collections and retention of sample results	Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules	Referred to committees
Wisconsin	AB 85 and SB 91	Create hydrologic restoration management council; require state to issue general permits for wetland, stream or floodplain restoration that results in net improvement in hydrologic conditions	Rep. Loren Oldenburg and Sen. Robert Cowles	Referred to committees

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Wisconsin	AB 99 and SB 93	Require state to issue permits for removing sediment from lakes Michigan or Superior if they are not contaminated any more than the area where it will be deposited; also specify that such sediment is not solid waste	Rep. Shae Sortwell and Sen. André Jacque (GLLC member)	Referred to committees
Wisconsin	SB 84	Delay planned elimination of a program providing grants to people or businesses served by failing private septic systems; require university study of septage contamination mitigation practices and a report to Legislature	Sen. André Jacque (GLLC member)	Referred to committee