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DAM SAFETY

House Bill 4211

Sponsor: Rep. John Llewellyn

Committee: Conservation, Environment,

and Great Lakes

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4211 AS INTRODUCED 1-30-95

Certain dams in the village of Luther in Lake County and Everett Township in Newaygo County that were damaged or destroyed by floods in 1986 were exempt, from 1988 to 1991, from the reconstruction permit requirements of the Dam Safety Act. House Bill 4211 would amend the act to reenact this exemption until January 1, 1998 for any dam that is destroyed by an act of God, provided that the dam is at least 75 years old and is located in a county with a per capita income of less than \$8,500. The bill would also delete provisions of the prior exemption which required that reconstruction plans and specifications for these dams be prepared by licensed professional engineers; that the plans be reviewed by the House Joint Capital Outlay Committee, with environmental consideration given to protect water quality; and that contaminated sediments be disposed of in compliance with state law.

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