

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6450**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 135**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 8, 2025  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Alkaline Hydrolysis for Animal Remains Disposal.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Busch  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill authorizes alkaline hydrolysis as a lawful method of animal remains disposal in Indiana. It requires the State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) to adopt standards for construction, operation, and biosecurity of alkaline hydrolysis. It requires the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to adopt various regulations on alkaline hydrolysis. It also defines zoning powers of a local unit regulating the disposal plant performing alkaline hydrolysis.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill's requirements will increase workload for IDEM and the BOAH to adopt rules, but should be able to be implemented using existing staffing and resources, and within the BOAH's regular meeting schedule.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The bill requires that rules adopted regarding alkaline hydrolysis for animal remains must include identifying when a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit may be required. If the bill results in additional NPDES applications or modifications, revenue to the state General Fund will increase.

**Additional Information:** Most NPDES permit fees are \$100 for new applications or renewals, while permit modification fees are \$50. NPDES permits must be renewed every five years.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The bill may increase workload for counties, municipalities, and townships to regulate the location of disposal plants performing alkaline hydrolysis for animal remains.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Department of Environmental Management; State Board of Animal Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties; municipalities; townships.

**Information Sources:** 327 IAC 5-3-17;

[www.in.gov/idem/cleanwater/wastewater-permitting/national-pollutant-discharge-elimination-system-npdes](http://www.in.gov/idem/cleanwater/wastewater-permitting/national-pollutant-discharge-elimination-system-npdes).

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