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Subject Dry cleaners environmental issues**Authors** Hansen**Analyst** Bob Eleff**Date** January 20, 2021

Overview

HF 91 prioritizes certain reimbursements from the fund used to clean up environmental releases from dry cleaning establishments; creates a cost-share program to assist dry cleaners to transition from use of perchloroethylene as a solvent; and prohibits the use of perchloroethylene beginning in 2026.

Summary

Section	Description
1	[115B.49] Dry cleaner environmental account and reimbursement account. Subd. 3. Expenditures. Prioritizes reimbursements for environmental responses from the account as follows: 1) to current or past dry cleaner operators; 2) reimbursements for expenditures made by the commissioner when owner/operators fail to complete a response action.
2	[325F.381] Perchloroethylene prohibition. Prohibits the use of perchloroethylene as a dry cleaning solvent beginning in 2026.
3	[APPROPRIATIONS.] Appropriates \$255,000 in FY 2021 from the remediation fund to the commissioner to be used to reimburse current or past dry cleaner operators. Appropriates \$255,000 in FY 2021 from the remediation fund to the commissioner to be used for a cost-share program to reimburse dry cleaners transitioning from perchloroethylene to environmentally preferable solvents.