

# Chapter 5

2021 Regular Session

Subject Dry Cleaner Chemicals

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## Overview

With the enactment of Chapter 5, Minnesota becomes the first state in the nation to prohibit, beginning in 2026, use of the dry cleaning solvent perchloroethylene, which has been found to have harmful health effects. The act also provides for grants of up to \$20,000 to dry cleaning facilities to help them transition from perchloroethylene by purchasing new equipment.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>[115B.49] Dry Cleaner Environmental Response and Reimbursement Account.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Expenditures.</b> Prioritizes expenditures of funds from the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response and Reimbursement Account by the commissioner of commerce. Top priority is for reimbursements of cleanup expenditures made by current or former operators of dry cleaning establishments that have released dry cleaning solvents to the environment, followed by reimbursements to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency for cleanup expenditures made when the owner or operator fails to complete requested response actions.</p> |
| 2 | <p><b>[325E.381] Perchloroethylene prohibition.</b></p> <p>Prohibits the use of perchloroethylene as a dry cleaning solvent after December 31, 2025.</p>   |
| 3 | <p><b>Cancellation.</b></p> <p>Cancels a transfer from the remediation fund to the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response and Reimbursement Account, authorized in 2019, of unexpended funds used for a study of the possibility of recovering environmental response costs from insurance held by dry cleaning facilities.</p>  |
| 4 | <p><b>Appropriations.</b></p> <p>Appropriates \$355,000 in fiscal year 2021 for a cost-sharing program to be used by dry cleaners to transition from perchloroethylene to environmentally preferred</p>  |

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solvents, as determined by the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, up to a maximum of \$20,000 per facility.

Appropriates \$213,000 in fiscal year 2021 to reimburse dry cleaning owners and operators for cleanup expenditures, giving top priority to facility owners.



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