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Overview

H.F. 3685 makes changes to statutes governing the operation of the dry cleaner environmental response and reimbursement account, which is funded by dry cleaners and used to reimburse dry cleaners for taking response actions to remediate land contaminated by a release from a dry cleaning facility.

Section

- 1 **[115B.48] Subd. 10. Owner or operator.** Defines an owner or operator as one who has owned or operated a dry cleaning facility that operated as such.
- 2 **[115B.50] Subd. 3. Limitation on amount that may be spent.** Amends the cap on expenditures made for a single dry cleaning facility in a single fiscal year from 20 percent of the balance of the account to \$100,000.
- 3 **[115B.50] Subd. 4. Reimbursement adjustment rulemaking.** Authorizes the commissioner to use expedited rulemaking to adjust reimbursement amounts to owners and operators for response actions taken in accordance with a plan approved by the commissioner.
- 4 **Laws 2015, 1st sp. sess, ch. 4, art. 3, sec. 2, subd. 4. Land.** Allows transfer of \$743,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the general fund to the dry cleaner environmental response and reimbursement account by striking language requiring 2016 legislation to address the insolvency of the account, which this bill does.
- 5 **Rulemaking; dry cleaner response and reimbursement account.** Directs the pollution control agency to adopt expedited rules to address issues surrounding reimbursement for response actions taken by owners and operators.

Section

- 6** **Repealer.** Repeals the definition of “owner and operator” adopted during the 2016 special session, which included persons who owned property on which a dry cleaner had formerly operated but were not a dry cleaner owner or operator themselves.