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Overview

This bill modifies certain provisions relating the distribution of the production tax on taconite by authorizing allocations to unorganized territories affected by mining in St. Louis County and to cities and townships affected by the operation of scam iron ore concentrate facilities.

Section

1 City or town where quarried or produced.

- Under current law, paragraph (b) of section 298.28, subdivision 2, allocates 4 cents per ton from the production tax on taconite to cities and townships lying within three miles from an active taconite mine pit. This bill adds 6 unorganized territories in St. Louis County to those that qualify for the allocation and requires that the proceeds allocated be used for public infrastructure. In addition, the bill requires the total allocation attributable to the taconite mine pit to be increased to the extent necessary to prevent a reduction in the allocation to current recipients of the distribution.
- The bill adds a new paragraph allocating 4 cents per ton to cities and townships lying within three miles from an active scam iron ore concentrate facility that have not already received a distribution under paragraph (b).