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H. F. No. 125

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring certain facilities to notify local emergency
1.3 responders of a hazardous chemical release; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024,
1.4 section 299K.07.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299K.07, is amended to read:

1.7 299K.07 NOTIFICATION TO STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
1.8 OPERATIONS CENTER.

1.9 (a) The notification of the commission required under the federal act must be made to
1.10 the State Emergency Management Operations Center. The owner or operator of a facility
1.11 shall must immediately notify the State Emergency Management Operations Center of the
1.12 release of a reportable quantity of the following materials:

1.13 (1) a hazardous substance on the list established under United States Code, title 42,
1.14 section 9602; or

1.15 (2) an extremely hazardous substance on the list established under United States Code,
1.16 title 42, section 11002.

1.17 (b) This section does not apply to a release that results in exposure to persons solely
1.18 within the site or sites on which a facility is located or to a release specifically authorized
1.19 by state law.

1.20 (c) A person who is required to report to or notify a state agency of a discharge, release,
1.21 or incident under section 221.0341, this chapter, chapter 18B, 18C, 18D, 115, 115A, 115B,
1.22 115C, 115D, 116, or 299J, or any other statute, administrative rule, or federal regulation

2.1 may satisfy the requirement to report by notifying the State Emergency Management
2.2 Operations Center established in this section. The commissioner of ~~the Department of public~~
2.3 safety ~~shall~~ must ensure that the center is staffed with adequate personnel to answer all calls
2.4 24 hours a day and that those staff are adequately trained to efficiently notify all appropriate
2.5 state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over the discharge or release, and provide
2.6 emergency responder information. No state agency may adopt a rule or guideline that
2.7 requires a person who notifies the State Emergency Management Operations Center to also
2.8 notify that agency. The commissioner of each affected state agency ~~shall~~ must include the
2.9 telephone number of the State Emergency Management Operations Center in all files,
2.10 permits, correspondence, educational publications, and other communications with the
2.11 public and other persons, and ~~shall~~ must designate personnel to coordinate receipt of reports
2.12 or notifications with State Emergency Management Operations Center personnel.

2.13 (d) Immediately after reporting to or notifying the State Emergency Operations Center
2.14 under paragraph (a) or (c), the owner or operator of a facility whose primary purpose is the
2.15 processing of crude oil into petroleum products, as defined in section 296A.01, subdivision
2.16 42, must also notify the local emergency personnel with responsibility to protect public
2.17 health by responding to a discharge, release, or incident from the facility.

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
2.19 applies to a discharge, release, or incident occurring on or after that date.