

CHAPTER 115B

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Subd. 2. **Purposes for which money may be spent.** Money appropriated from the remediation fund under section 116.155, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (1), may be spent only for the following purposes:

(1) preparation by the agency and the commissioner of agriculture for taking removal or remedial action under section 115B.17, or under chapter 18D, including investigation, monitoring and testing activities, enforcement and compliance efforts relating to the release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants under section 115B.17 or 115B.18, or chapter 18D;

(2) removal and remedial actions taken or authorized by the agency or the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency under section 115B.17, or taken or authorized by the commissioner of agriculture under chapter 18D including related enforcement and compliance efforts under section 115B.17 or 115B.18, or chapter 18D, and payment of the state share of the cost of remedial action which may be carried out under a cooperative agreement with the federal government pursuant to the federal Superfund Act, under United States Code, title 42, section 9604(c)(3) for actions related to facilities other than commercial hazardous waste facilities located under the siting authority of chapter 115A;

(3) reimbursement to any private person for expenditures made before July 1, 1983, to provide alternative water supplies deemed necessary by the agency or the commissioner of agriculture and the Department of Health to protect the public health from contamination resulting from the release of a hazardous substance;

(4) assessment and recovery of natural resource damages by the agency and the commissioner of natural resources for administration, planning, and implementation by the commissioner of natural resources of the rehabilitation, restoration, or acquisition of natural resources to remedy injuries or losses to natural resources resulting from the release of a hazardous substance; before implementing a project to rehabilitate, restore, or acquire natural resources under this clause, the commissioner of natural resources shall provide written notice of the proposed project to the chairs of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources finance;

(5) acquisition of a property interest under section 115B.17, subdivision 15;

(6) reimbursement, in an amount to be determined by the agency in each case, to a political subdivision that is not a responsible person under section 115B.03, for reasonable and necessary expenditures resulting from an emergency caused by a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant; and

(7) reimbursement to a political subdivision for expenditures in excess of the liability limit under section 115B.04, subdivision 4.

[For text of subs 3 and 6, see M.S.2004]

History: 2005 c 10 art 1 s 23

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[For text of subs 1 to 7, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 8. **Full-time equivalence.** "Full-time equivalence" means 2,000 hours worked by employees, owners, and others in a dry cleaning facility during a 12-month period

beginning July 1 of the preceding year and running through June 30 of the year in which the annual registration fee is due. For those dry cleaning facilities that were in business less than the 12-month period, full-time equivalence means the total of all of the hours worked in the dry cleaning facility, divided by 2,000 and multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is 50 and the denominator of which is the number of weeks in business during the reporting period. For the purposes of section 115B.49, an owner working 2,000 hours or more shall be considered as one full-time equivalent.

History: *1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 133*

115B.49 DRY CLEANER ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE AND REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT.

[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 4. **Registration; fees.** (a) The owner or operator of a dry cleaning facility shall register on or before October 1 of each year with the commissioner of revenue in a manner prescribed by the commissioner of revenue and pay a registration fee for the facility. The amount of the fee is:

- (1) \$500, for facilities with a full-time equivalence of fewer than five;
- (2) \$1,000, for facilities with a full-time equivalence of five to ten; and
- (3) \$1,500, for facilities with a full-time equivalence of more than ten.

(b) A person who sells dry cleaning solvents for use by dry cleaning facilities in the state shall collect and remit to the commissioner of revenue in a manner prescribed by the commissioner of revenue, on or before the 20th day of the month following the month in which the sales of dry cleaning solvents are made, a fee of:

- (1) \$3.50 for each gallon of perchloroethylene sold for use by dry cleaning facilities in the state;
- (2) 70 cents for each gallon of hydrocarbon-based dry cleaning solvent sold for use by dry cleaning facilities in the state; and
- (3) 35 cents for each gallon of other nonaqueous solvents sold for use by dry cleaning facilities in the state.

(c) The audit, assessment, appeal, collection, enforcement, and administrative provisions of chapters 270C and 289A apply to the fee imposed by this subdivision. To enforce this subdivision, the commissioner of revenue may grant extensions to file returns and pay fees, impose penalties and interest on the annual registration fee under paragraph (a) and the monthly fee under paragraph (b), and abate penalties and interest in the manner provided in chapters 270C and 289A. The penalties and interest imposed on taxes under chapter 297A apply to the fees imposed under this subdivision. Disclosure of data collected by the commissioner of revenue under this subdivision is governed by chapter 270B.

Subd. 4a. *[Repealed, 2005 c 10 art 1 s 82; 2005 c 157 s 2]*

Subd. 4b. **Fee adjustment.** Notwithstanding section 16A.1285, each fiscal year the commissioner shall adjust the fees in subdivision 4 as necessary to maintain an annual income to the account of \$650,000.

History: *2005 c 151 art 2 s 2; 2005 c 157 s 1*