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HB305 - Oil/Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Relief for Homeowners

Sectional Analysis

Section 1 (Page 1, lines 4 -8): provides an exception to existing mandatory cost recovery requirements.

Section 2 (Page 1, line 9 - 13): allows the Department to adopt regulations to waive cost recovery efforts in situations defined by the proposed legislation.

Section 3 (e) (Page 1, line 14 – Page 2 line 16): Establishes reasons the Department may waive cost recovery efforts. The Department must find the release was from a home or building with four or fewer housing units; the release was not willful and was reported to the Department immediately; the homeowner took immediate measures to stop and contain the release; the homeowner granted access to the property and is cooperative;

Section 4 (Page 2, lines 17-22): establishes the ability for the Department to adopt regulations.

Section 5 (Page 2, lines 23-26): makes sections 1-3 of the legislation retroactive to January 2018.

Section 6 (Page 2, line 27): allows the Department to adopt regulations under section 4 immediately.