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AN ACT relating to the Fund for Cleaning Up Discharges of Petroleum; increasing the limitation on expenditures from the Fund for cleaning up certain discharges; authorizing the expenditure of money from the Fund for the cleanup of discharges involving petrochemicals; requiring a person responsible for the discharge of a petrochemical to reimburse the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the person’s share of the cost of cleaning up the discharge; defining the term “petrochemical”; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Under existing law, the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may expend not more than \$250,000 per year from the Fund for Cleaning Up Discharges of Petroleum for the cleanup of any discharge involving petroleum. Existing law also requires the operator of a tank from which petroleum is discharged to reimburse the Division for the operator’s share of the costs of cleaning up the discharge. (NRS 590.835) This bill authorizes the Division to expend up to \$2 million per fiscal year from the Fund for the cleanup of discharges in the State involving petroleum or a petrochemical. The Interim Finance Committee may approve the expenditure of more than \$2 million from the Fund in a fiscal year to pay for the costs of cleaning up such discharges. This bill also requires the person responsible for a discharge of a petrochemical to reimburse the Division for the person’s share of the costs of cleaning up the discharge. Finally, this bill defines the term “petrochemical.”

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 590.835 is hereby amended to read as follows:
590.835 Notwithstanding any provision of NRS 590.700 to 590.920, inclusive, to the contrary, and except as otherwise provided in this section:

1. The Division may expend not more than ~~[\$250,000]~~ *\$2,000,000* from the Fund per *fiscal* year as reimbursement for necessary costs incurred by the Division in the response to and cleanup of ~~[any discharge involving petroleum,]~~ *discharges in the State*, including discharges from a storage tank and discharges from a mobile tank that occur during the transportation of petroleum *or a petrochemical* on roads and highways. *The Interim Finance Committee may approve the expenditure of more than \$2,000,000*



from the Fund in a fiscal year for the purposes described in this subsection. If ~~the~~ a discharge ~~involving petroleum~~ also involves ~~the discharge of~~ another hazardous material, the Division may expend money pursuant to this section in the cleanup of the discharge ~~of petroleum~~ and the other hazardous material. The Division shall not expend money from the Fund pursuant to this section to clean up discharges ~~involving petroleum~~ from pipelines.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, money from the Fund expended by the Division pursuant to this section must be used to augment, and must not be used to replace or supplant, any money available from other sources for the cleanup of discharges, ~~of petroleum,~~ including, without limitation, reimbursements by operators required to be made to the Division pursuant to NRS 590.850 and 590.870. If no money is available from those other sources, the Division may expend money from the Fund pursuant to this section to reimburse the Division for any costs specified in subsection 1.

3. If the Division expends money pursuant to this section to clean up a discharge involving ~~petroleum,~~ :

(a) *Petroleum*, the operator of the tank shall reimburse the Division for the operator's share of the costs for cleaning up the discharge.

(b) *A petrochemical, the person who is responsible for the discharge shall reimburse the Division for the person's share of the costs for cleaning up the discharge.*

↳ The Division shall, upon being reimbursed ~~by the operator of the tank~~ pursuant to this subsection, deposit that money in the Fund.

4. As used in this section:

(a) "Discharge" means, *unless authorized by state or federal law*, any ~~release,~~ :

(1) *Release of a petrochemical into water or soil; or*

(2) *Release*, leaking or spilling *of petroleum or a petrochemical* from a tank into water or soil. ~~Unless the discharge is authorized by state or federal law.~~

(b) "Operator" means a person who owns, controls or is responsible for the operation of a tank.

(c) *"Petrochemical" means a chemical derived from petroleum or a petroleum feedstock, including, without limitation, perchloroethylene and any degradation product of perchloroethylene.*

(d) "Tank" means a storage tank or a mobile tank used to transport petroleum *or a petrochemical* received for sale or use in this State.



Sec. 2. NRS 218E.405 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.405 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Interim Finance Committee may exercise the powers conferred upon it by law only when the Legislature is not in a regular or special session.

2. During a regular or special session, the Interim Finance Committee may also perform the duties imposed on it by subsection 5 of NRS 284.115, NRS 285.070, subsection 2 of NRS 321.335, NRS 322.007, subsection 2 of NRS 323.020, NRS 323.050, subsection 1 of NRS 323.100, subsection 3 of NRS 341.126, NRS 341.142, paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS 341.145, NRS 353.220, 353.224, 353.2705 to 353.2771, inclusive, 353.288, 353.335, 353C.224, 353C.226, paragraph (b) of subsection 4 of NRS 407.0762, NRS 428.375, 439.4905, 439.620, 439.630, 445B.830, ~~and~~ 538.650 ~~and~~ *and subsection 1 of NRS 590.835*. In performing those duties, the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means may meet separately and transmit the results of their respective votes to the Chair of the Interim Finance Committee to determine the action of the Interim Finance Committee as a whole.

3. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may appoint a subcommittee consisting of six members of the Committee to review and make recommendations to the Committee on matters of the State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration that require prior approval of the Interim Finance Committee pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 341.126, NRS 341.142 and paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS 341.145. If the Chair appoints such a subcommittee:

(a) The Chair shall designate one of the members of the subcommittee to serve as the chair of the subcommittee;

(b) The subcommittee shall meet throughout the year at the times and places specified by the call of the chair of the subcommittee; and

(c) The Director or the Director's designee shall act as the nonvoting recording secretary of the subcommittee.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



