

(c) The form of the citation shall be prescribed by the District Court.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 27, 1988.

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CHAPTER 760

(Senate Bill 375)

AN ACT concerning

Reimbursement for Costs of Emergency Response, Containment, Cleanup, and Abatement - Transportation of Hazardous Materials - Volunteer Fire Companies, Volunteer Rescue Squads, and Volunteer Ambulance Companies

FOR the purpose of requiring a motor carrier who transports certain hazardous materials on a highway in the State and who is at fault in and causes certain traffic accidents that result in a spill or discharge of hazardous materials to reimburse certain expenses of an emergency response, containment, cleanup, and abatement by volunteer fire companies, volunteer rescue squads, or volunteer ambulance companies and certain individuals; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act to certain traffic accidents that occur on or after the effective date of this Act; providing that certain expenses of an emergency response, containment, cleanup, and abatement under this Act are a debt of the responsible motor carrier; requiring certain negotiations under this Act; allowing certain parties to file a court suit if the negotiations do not resolve certain disputes; ~~requiring the Attorney General and counsel to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide certain assistance~~ permitting the award of reasonable attorney's fees in certain circumstances; providing for the payment of reimbursements under this Act to certain persons, volunteer companies, and counties; providing that this Act does not apply to a release of hazardous materials from farm vehicles; specifying that this Act does not abrogate certain rights; providing for the scope of this Act; providing for a certain report under this Act; and generally relating to the responsibility of a motor carrier who transports hazardous materials that result in a spill or discharge of hazardous materials to reimburse certain expenses.