

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act apply only to a traffic accident involving hazardous materials that occurs on or after July 1, 1988.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 27, 1988.

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CHAPTER 763

(House Bill 529)

AN ACT concerning

Reimbursement for Costs of Emergency Response, Containment, Cleanup, and Abatement - Transportation of Hazardous Materials - Paid Fire Departments

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 paid fire departments 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~~ providing that this Act does not apply to a release of hazardous material 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.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-1101 through ~~3-1105~~ 3-1106, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 11. Reimbursement for