Legislative Analysis



RECOVERY OF CERTAIN CLEANUP COSTS

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House Bill 4411 as introduced Sponsor: Rep. Phil Green

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Committee: Natural Resources and Tourism

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4411 would amend section 8905a of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), which establishes the penalties for littering.

Under current law, in addition to any penal or civil fines that may be ordered for a littering violation under the section, a property owner can file a civil suit seeking damages for the reasonable and necessary costs of cleanup and remediation of the property.

The bill would additionally allow a person that removes a vehicle that is wrecked or damaged in an accident on a highway, road, or street to recover cleanup and recovery costs.

Under the bill, a person that violates Part 89 (Littering) of NREPA would be liable to the property owner and to the person that removes a vehicle damaged in an accident for damages for the reasonable and necessary costs of cleanup (including costs of vehicle removal) and remediation of the applicable property.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4411 is unlikely to affect costs or revenues for EGLE. The bill could have a fiscal impact on local court systems. The impact would depend on how provisions of the bill would affect court caseloads and the related administrative costs.

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