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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to transportation; modifying allocation of railroad and pipeline company

1.3assessments for emergency preparedness activities; amending Minnesota Statutes

1.42024, section 299A.55, subdivisions 2, 4.

1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299A.55, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7Subd. 2. **Railroad and pipeline safety account.** (a) A railroad and pipeline safety

1.8account is created in the special revenue fund. The account consists of funds collected under

1.9subdivision 4 and funds donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise provided to the account.

1.10~~(b) \$560,000 is annually appropriated from the railroad and pipeline safety account to~~

1.11~~the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency for environmental protection activities~~

1.12~~related to railroad discharge preparedness under chapter 115E.~~

1.13~~(c) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,500,000 in each subsequent fiscal year are~~

1.14~~transferred from the railroad and pipeline safety account to the grade crossing safety account~~

1.15~~under section 219.1651.~~

1.16~~(d) Following the appropriation in paragraph (b) and the transfer in paragraph (c), the~~

1.17~~remaining money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of public~~

1.18~~safety for the purposes specified in subdivision 3.~~

1.19~~(e)~~ (b) By January 15, 2026, the commissioner of public safety must submit a report on

1.20the railroad and pipeline safety account to the chairs and ranking minority members of the

1.21legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. The report

must list detailed revenues to and expenditures from the account for the previous two fiscal years and must include information on the purpose of each expenditure.

~~(f)~~ (c) If the balance of the account at the end of a fiscal biennium is greater than \$2,000,000, the amount above \$2,000,000 must be transferred to the grade crossing safety account under section 219.1651.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299A.55, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Assessments.** (a) The commissioner of public safety must annually assess ~~\$4,000,000~~ \$3,418,000 to railroad and pipeline companies based on the formula specified in paragraph (b). ~~The commissioner must deposit funds collected under this subdivision in the railroad and pipeline safety account under subdivision 2.~~

~~(b) The assessment for each railroad is 70 percent of the total annual assessment amount, divided in equal proportion between among applicable rail carriers based on route miles operated in Minnesota. The assessment for each pipeline company is 30 percent of the total annual assessment amount.~~ Of the amount collected annually under this paragraph:

(1) \$560,000 is deposited in the railroad and pipeline safety account and appropriated to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency for environmental protection activities related to railroad discharge preparedness under chapter 115E;

(2) \$1,500,000 is deposited in the grade crossing safety account under section 219.1651; and

(3) the remainder is deposited in the railroad and pipeline safety account and appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for the purposes specified in subdivision 3.

(b) The commissioner of public safety must annually assess \$582,000 to pipeline companies, divided in equal proportion between among companies based on the yearly aggregate gallons of oil and other hazardous substances transported by pipeline in Minnesota. Money collected under this paragraph is deposited in the railroad and pipeline safety account and appropriated to the commissioner of public safety for the purposes specified in subdivision 3.

(c) In addition to the amount amounts identified in paragraph paragraphs (a) and (b), the commissioner must assess the rail carrier or pipeline company involved in an incident compelling a significant response for all postincident review and analysis costs under

- 3.1 subdivision 5 incurred by the state and local units of government. This paragraph applies
- 3.2 regardless of whether an assessment is imposed under paragraph (a) or (b) in a fiscal year.
- 3.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.