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Under current law, the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) administers the clean sweep program, which provides grants to local governments, sanitary and sewerage districts and regional planning commissions for the collection of items including pesticides, agricultural chemicals, and hazardous wastes. [ss. 93.55 and 93.57, Stats.; ch. ATCP 34, Wis. Adm. Code.]

2021 Senate Bill 156 expands the clean sweep program to require DATCP to collect and store or dispose of unused firefighting foam that contains perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The bill authorizes DATCP to contract with a third party to undertake these activities, and directs DATCP to prioritize collecting from the state, cities, villages, towns, and counties. The bill requires that the firefighting foam collected must be stored in an environmentally safe manner until properly disposed of or treated in accordance with any rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Finally, the bill allocates $500,000 from the environmental fund to DATCP for the collection, storage and disposal of firefighting foam in fiscal year 2021-22.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 makes the following three changes to the bill:

- Increases the amount allocated from the environmental fund from $500,000 to $1,000,000 in fiscal year 2021-22.
- Specifies that the bill does not confer rulemaking authority on DNR.
- Delays the effective date of the bill to the day after publication or the second day after publication of the 2021 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

BILL HISTORY

Senators Cowles and Wimberger offered Senate Amendment 1 on March 31, 2021. On April 8, 2021, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy recommended adoption of the amendment, and passage of the bill as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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