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SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 12.15: Scrap Tire Amendments

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Section 12.15 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) makes various changes to the Scrap Tire Disposal Account (Account). This section:

- Modifies the requirement that funds in the Account in excess of $300,000 at the end of any fiscal year are transferred to the Highway Fund, to provide that only unencumbered and unobligated funds over $300,000 transfer after a determination by the Secretary of Environmental Quality and the State Controller of the total net proceeds from the tax on scrap tires.
- Authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to use a portion of revenue in the Account to clean up abandoned scrap tires where DEQ has determined the potential for a nuisance exists or a responsible party cannot be identified.
- Expands DEQ's authority to issue grants to encourage the use of processed scrap tire materials, by eliminating a prohibition on issuance of grants for the use of processed scrap tire materials to process tires.

This section became effective July 1, 2026.