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Amend the amendment on page 4 by inserting before the last indented paragraph (page 4, line 37 in amendment) the following:

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2144 by striking out all of subsection 6 and inserting the following:

‘6. Administration and enforcement of program. The department shall enforce this section and may adopt rules as necessary for the purposes of implementing, administering and enforcing this section. The department shall charge a reasonable fee to be paid by an applicant for approval of a paint stewardship program for review of the plan. The department may establish a reasonable annual fee to cover the actual costs for annual report review, oversight, administration and enforcement. Fees established under this subsection may not exceed the greater of \$82,000 per year and 1% of total program costs as set forth in the independent financial auditing report required under subsection 5.

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 (page 5, lines 22 to 37 and page 6, lines 1 to 23 in amendment) and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Environmental Protection 0251

Initiative: Provides an ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Department of Environmental Protection for administrative and technology costs associated with an architectural paint product stewardship program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$1,562	\$1,562
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,562	\$1,562

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: Provides an ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Department of Environmental Protection for one full-time Environmental Specialist III position and related administrative and technology costs associated with an architectural paint product stewardship program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2013-14	2014-15
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000

Personal Services	\$68,182	\$72,674
All Other	\$1,495	\$1,495
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$69,677	\$74,169

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT
 OF**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$71,239	\$75,731
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$71,239	\$75,731

SUMMARY

This amendment specifies that the annual fee set by the Department of Environmental Protection for the paint stewardship program must cover the actual costs of the program, including administration. This amendment also caps the fee at the greater of \$82,000 per year and 1% of total program costs.

The amendment also replaces the appropriations and allocations section in Committee Amendment "A."

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
 (See attached)**