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This bill eliminates a registration requirement in order to transport certain hazardous materials and waste in interstate or intrastate transportation in Minnesota. Such material includes a variety of flammable, poisonous (particularly if toxic by inhalation), combustible, explosive, radioactive, or corrosive compounds. The material types and quantities are as specified under federal regulations. 49 C.F.R. Part 172. Examples include natural gas, fuel oil, and certain fertilizers (e.g., anhydrous ammonia).

Under current law, registration with the Minnesota Department of Transportation is required to transport hazardous materials or hazardous waste. Federal law also requires obtaining permits to transport hazardous materials or hazardous waste. State registration includes fees, which are structured to reflect the portion of transportation occurring within Minnesota. The revenue is dedicated to planning and funding for incident team response to hazardous material releases.