

**455B.116 Pollution hotline program.**

The department shall establish a toll-free telephone number to allow citizens to report incidents resulting in pollution of the environment or damage to natural resources. The department shall receive and evaluate the reports and refer them to the appropriate state or local jurisdiction for initial investigation. The agency receiving a referral shall investigate the complaint, attempt to resolve the problem, and upon completion of the investigation, report to the department on the disposition of each complaint indicating how the problem was resolved.

The department shall use moneys appropriated to the waste volume reduction and recycling fund for the purpose of implementation of the program and shall use the moneys appropriated under section 455E.11 for the program to provide financial assistance to counties for investigation of complaints.

89 Acts, ch 272, § 27