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DIVISION 45. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RESPONSE [78000 - 81050] (Division 45 added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 257, Sec. 2.) PART 2. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACCOUNT [78000 - 81050] (Part 2 added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 257, Sec. 2.) CHAPTER 8. Cost Recovery [79650 - 79955] (Chapter 8 added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 257, Sec. 2.)

ARTICLE 5. Scope of Liability [79760 - 79765] (Article 5 added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 257, Sec. 2.)

79760. (a) Except as provided in Section 79765, a party found liable for costs recoverable under this part who establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that only a portion of those costs are attributable to that party's actions shall be required to pay only for that portion.

(b) Except as provided in Section 79765, if the trier of fact finds the evidence insufficient to establish each party's portion of costs under subdivision (a), the court shall apportion those costs, to the extent practicable, according to equitable principles, among the defendants.

(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 257, Sec. 2. (AB 2293) Effective January 1, 2023. Operative January 1, 2024, pursuant to Sec. 4 of Stats. 2022, Ch. 257.)

79765. Notwithstanding this part, a response action contractor who is found liable for any costs recoverable under this part and who establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that only a portion of those costs are attributable to the response action contractor's actions shall be required to pay only that portion of the costs attributable to the response action contractor's actions.

(Added by Stats. 2022, Ch. 257, Sec. 2. (AB 2293) Effective January 1, 2023. Operative January 1, 2024, pursuant to Sec. 4 of Stats. 2022, Ch. 257.)