

By the Committees on Finance and Tax; and Commerce; and Senators Sobel and Bennett

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the energy-efficient appliance
3 rebate program; creating s. 377.807, F.S.; authorizing
4 the Florida Energy and Climate Commission to develop
5 and administer the program; authorizing the commission
6 to adopt rules; providing for the commission to enter
7 into contracts or memoranda of agreement with other
8 state agencies or partnerships; providing an effective
9 date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Section 377.807, Florida Statutes, is created to
14 read:

15 377.807 Energy-efficient appliance rebate program.—The
16 Florida Energy and Climate Commission is authorized to develop
17 and administer a consumer rebate program for residential energy-
18 efficient appliances, consistent with 42 U.S.C. s. 15821 and any
19 federal agency guidance or regulations issued in furtherance of
20 federal law. Such appliances may include Energy Star products or
21 electric tankless water heaters that have an energy-efficiency
22 rating of at least 85 percent by the United States Environmental
23 Protection Agency standard calculation, if not otherwise
24 disqualified by the United States Environmental Protection
25 Agency or the United States Department of Energy, as validated
26 by a third-party testing entity, and verified by the commission,
27 pursuant to rule. The commission may adopt rules pursuant to
28 ss.120.536(1) and 120.54 concerning program provisions deemed by
29 federal law to be within the discretion of the commission,

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30 consistent with 42 U.S.C. s. 15821 and any subsequent
31 implementing federal regulations or guidance. The commission is
32 authorized to enter into contracts or memoranda of agreement
33 with other agencies of the state, public-private partnerships,
34 or other arrangements such that the most efficient means of
35 administering consumer rebates can be achieved.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.