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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to energy efficiency rebate programs;
3 authorizing the Florida Energy and Climate Commission to
4 pay certain rebates pursuant to the Florida ENERGY STAR
5 Residential HVAC Rebate Program; authorizing the Florida
6 Energy and Climate Commission to pay certain rebates
7 pursuant to the Solar Energy System Incentives Program;
8 providing appropriations; providing a penalty; providing
9 an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. (1) As provided in this section and section 2,
14 a portion of the total amount appropriated in this act shall be
15 utilized by the Florida Energy and Climate Commission to pay
16 rebates to eligible applicants who submit an application
17 pursuant to the Florida ENERGY STAR Residential HVAC Rebate
18 Program administered by the commission, as approved by the
19 United States Department of Energy. An applicant is eligible for
20 a rebate under this section if:

21 (a) A complete application is submitted to the commission
22 on or before November 30, 2010.

23 (b) The central air conditioner, air source heat pump, or
24 geothermal heat pump system replacement for which the applicant
25 is seeking a rebate was purchased from or contracted for
26 purchase with a Florida-licensed contractor after August 29,
27 2010, but before September 15, 2010, and fully installed prior
28 to submission of the application for a rebate.

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29 (c) The commission determines that the application
 30 complies with this section and any existing agreement with the
 31 United States Department of Energy governing the Florida ENERGY
 32 STAR Residential HVAC Rebate Program.

33 (d) The applicant provides the following information to
 34 the commission on or before November 30, 2010:

35 1.a. A copy of the sales receipt indicating a date of
 36 purchase after August 29, 2010, but before September 15, 2010,
 37 with the make and model number identified and circled along with
 38 the name and address of the Florida-licensed contractor who
 39 installed the system; or

40 b. A copy of the contract for the purchase and
 41 installation of the system indicating a contract date after
 42 August 29, 2010, but before September 15, 2010, and a copy of
 43 the sales receipt indicating a date of purchase after August 29,
 44 2010, but on or before November 30, 2010, with the make and
 45 model number identified and circled along with the name and
 46 address of the Florida-licensed contractor who installed the
 47 system.

48 2. A copy of the mechanical building permit issued by the
 49 county or municipality and pulled by the Florida-licensed
 50 contractor who installed the system for the residence.

51 3. A copy of the Air Distribution System Test Report
 52 results from a Florida-certified Class 1 energy gauge rater, a
 53 Florida-licensed mechanical contractor, or a recognized test and
 54 balance agent. The results from the test must indicate the home
 55 has no more than 15 percent leakage to the outside as measured
 56 by 0.10 Qn.out or less.

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57 4. A copy of the summary of the Manual J program completed
58 for the residence to indicate that the proper methodology for
59 sizing the new system was completed.

60 (2) The Florida Energy and Climate Commission shall pay a
61 \$1,500 rebate to each consumer who submits an application
62 pursuant to the Florida ENERGY STAR Residential HVAC Rebate
63 Program if the application is approved by the commission in
64 accordance with this act. The commission shall pay all rebates
65 authorized in this section prior to paying any rebates
66 authorized in section 2.

67 Section 2. Notwithstanding s. 377.806(6), Florida
68 Statutes, the Florida Energy and Climate Commission shall
69 utilize up to \$28,902,623, less any amount in excess of
70 \$2,467,244 used to pay rebates pursuant to section 1, to pay a
71 percentage of each unpaid and approved rebate application
72 submitted pursuant to the Solar Energy System Incentives Program
73 established in s. 377.806, Florida Statutes. An applicant is
74 eligible for a rebate under this section if the application
75 submitted complies with s. 377.806, Florida Statutes. The
76 percentage of each approved rebate to be paid shall be derived
77 by dividing the remaining appropriation by the total dollar
78 value of the backlog of final approved solar rebates, pursuant
79 to the authorized limits provided in s. 377.806, Florida
80 Statutes.

81 Section 3. For the 2010-2011 fiscal year, and to
82 exclusively implement section 1, the sum of \$2,467,244 in
83 nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the Grants and Donations
84 Trust Fund to the Florida Energy and Climate Commission. In

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85 addition, the sum of \$28,902,623 from the Grants and Donations
86 Trust Fund, from Specific Appropriation 2561A, chapter 2009-81,
87 Laws of Florida, is immediately reverted and reappropriated to
88 the Florida Energy and Climate Commission for the 2010-2011
89 fiscal year to implement section 1, if actual rebates paid
90 exceed \$2,467,244, and section 2.

91 Section 4. Any applicant who obtains a rebate pursuant to
92 this act based on the submission of information that the
93 applicant knows to be false commits a theft, punishable as
94 provided in s. 812.014, Florida Statutes.

95 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.