

By Senator Bennett

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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
4 to pay certain rebates pursuant to the Florida ENERGY
5 STAR Residential HVAC Rebate Program; authorizing the
6 Florida Energy and Climate Commission to pay certain
7 rebates pursuant to the Solar Energy System Incentives
8 Program; providing appropriations; providing a
9 penalty; providing 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, a
14 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.

29 (c) The commission determines that the application complies

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30 with this section and any existing agreement with the United
31 States Department of Energy governing the Florida ENERGY STAR
32 Residential HVAC Rebate Program.

33 (d) The applicant provides the following information to the
34 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 installation
41 of the system indicating a contract date after August 29, 2010,
42 but before September 15, 2010, and a copy of the sales receipt
43 indicating a date of purchase after August 29, 2010, but on or
44 before November 30, 2010, with the make and model number
45 identified and circled along with the name and address of the
46 Florida-licensed contractor who installed the system.

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

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

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

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

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

79 Section 3. For the 2010-2011 fiscal year, and to
80 exclusively implement section 1, the sum of \$2,467,244 in
81 nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the Grants and Donations
82 Trust Fund to the Florida Energy and Climate Commission. In
83 addition, the sum of \$28,902,623 from the Grants and Donations
84 Trust Fund, from Specific Appropriation 2561A, chapter 2009-81,
85 Laws of Florida, is immediately reverted and reappropriated to
86 the Florida Energy and Climate Commission for the 2010-2011
87 fiscal year to implement section 1, if actual rebates paid

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88 exceed \$2,467,244, and section 2.

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

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