

By the Committees on Appropriations; and Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Senator Simpson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a natural gas rebate program;
3 amending s. 377.810, F.S.; authorizing the Department
4 of Agriculture and Consumer Services to receive
5 additional applications from certain applicants;
6 authorizing any remaining unencumbered funds to be
7 used by the department to award additional rebates;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 377.810, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 377.810 Natural gas fuel fleet vehicle rebate program.—

15 (3) NATURAL GAS FUEL FLEET VEHICLE REBATE.—The department
16 shall award rebates for eligible costs as defined in this
17 section. Forty percent of the annual allocation shall be
18 reserved for governmental applicants, with the remaining funds
19 allocated for commercial applicants. A rebate may not exceed 50
20 percent of the eligible costs of a natural gas fuel fleet
21 vehicle with a dedicated or bi-fuel natural gas fuel operating
22 system placed into service on or after July 1, 2013. An
23 applicant is eligible to receive a maximum rebate of \$25,000 per
24 vehicle up to a total of \$250,000 per fiscal year. Between June
25 1 and June 30 of each fiscal year, the department may receive
26 additional applications from applicants that have met the
27 program maximum of \$250,000 per fiscal year. Those applicants
28 may apply for additional funds for vehicles that have not
29 received a rebate, a maximum rebate of \$25,000 per vehicle up to

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30 a total of \$250,000. Any unencumbered funds remaining after June
31 30 of each fiscal year may be used by the department to award
32 the additional rebates. Governmental applicants shall have
33 preference and all remaining unencumbered funds may be used by
34 commercial applicants. Rebates shall be allocated to eligible
35 applicants on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by
36 the date the application is received, until all appropriated
37 funds for the fiscal year are expended or the program ends,
38 whichever comes first. All natural gas fuel fleet vehicles
39 eligible for the rebate must comply with applicable United
40 States Environmental Protection Agency emission standards.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.