

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the natural gas fuel fleet vehicle  
 3           rebate program; amending s. 377.810, F.S.; revising  
 4           definitions; authorizing the Department of Agriculture  
 5           and Consumer Services to receive additional rebate  
 6           applications from certain applicants; authorizing any  
 7           remaining unencumbered funds to be used by the  
 8           department to award additional rebates; providing for  
 9           rulemaking; 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. Paragraphs (c) and (e) of subsection (2) and  
 14           subsections (3) and (5) of section 377.810, Florida Statutes,  
 15           are amended to read:

16           377.810 Natural gas fuel fleet vehicle rebate program.—

17           (2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the term:

18           (c) "Eligible costs" means the cost of conversion or the  
 19           incremental cost incurred by an applicant in connection with an  
 20           investment in the conversion, purchase, or lease lasting at  
 21           least 5 years, of a natural gas fuel fleet vehicle placed into  
 22           service on or after July 1, 2013. The term does not include  
 23           costs for project development, fueling stations, or other  
 24           fueling infrastructure.

25           (e) "Incremental costs" means the excess costs associated  
 26           with the purchase or lease of a natural gas fuel fleet motor

27 | vehicle as compared to an equivalent diesel- or gasoline-powered  
28 | motor vehicle.

29 |       (3) NATURAL GAS FUEL FLEET VEHICLE REBATE.—The department  
30 | shall award rebates for eligible costs as defined in this  
31 | section. Forty percent of the annual allocation shall be  
32 | reserved for governmental applicants, with the remaining funds  
33 | allocated for commercial applicants. A rebate may not exceed 50  
34 | percent of the eligible costs of a natural gas fuel fleet  
35 | vehicle with a dedicated or bi-fuel natural gas fuel operating  
36 | system placed into service on or after July 1, 2013. An  
37 | applicant is eligible to receive a maximum rebate of \$25,000 per  
38 | vehicle up to a total of \$250,000 per fiscal year. Between June  
39 | 1 and June 30, applicants that have received the maximum rebate  
40 | of \$250,000 during the fiscal year may submit additional  
41 | applications in accordance with department rules. Additional  
42 | applications shall be held and reviewed after all program  
43 | applications from applicants that have not reached the maximum  
44 | rebate of \$250,000 per fiscal year are received and reviewed.  
45 | Those applicants may apply for additional funds for vehicles  
46 | during the fiscal year that did not receive a rebate. An  
47 | applicant is eligible to receive an additional maximum rebate of  
48 | \$25,000 per vehicle up to a total of \$250,000. All of the  
49 | unexpended balance remaining for the fiscal year may be used by  
50 | the department to award the additional rebates described in this  
51 | section. Upon conclusion of the June application period, the  
52 | department shall determine the rebate eligibility of each

53 applicant in accordance with this section and department rules.  
54 Eligible governmental applicants shall have preference and will  
55 receive funding on a first-come, first-served basis according to  
56 the date the application is received. Any remaining unencumbered  
57 funds shall be awarded to eligible commercial applicants on a  
58 first-come, first-served basis according to the date the  
59 application is received. All natural gas fuel fleet vehicles  
60 eligible for the rebate must comply with applicable United  
61 States Environmental Protection Agency emission standards.

62 (5) RULES.—The department shall adopt rules to implement  
63 and administer this section ~~by December 31, 2013,~~ including  
64 rules relating to the forms required to claim a rebate under  
65 this section, the required documentation and basis for  
66 establishing eligibility for a rebate, procedures and guidelines  
67 for claiming a rebate, and the collection of economic impact  
68 data from applicants.

69 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.