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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations
(Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government)

A bill to be entitled

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

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

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

377.810 Natural gas fuel fleet vehicle rebate program.—

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



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28 may apply for additional funds for vehicles that have not
29 received a rebate, for a maximum rebate of \$25,000 per vehicle
30 up to a total of \$250,000. Notwithstanding ss. 216.301 and
31 216.351, any unencumbered funds remaining after June 30 of each
32 fiscal year do not revert and may be used by the department to
33 award the additional rebates. Governmental applicants shall have
34 preference, and all remaining unencumbered funds may be used by
35 commercial applicants. Rebates shall be allocated to eligible
36 applicants on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by
37 the date the application is received, until all appropriated
38 funds for the fiscal year are expended or the program ends,
39 whichever comes first. All natural gas fuel fleet vehicles
40 eligible for the rebate must comply with applicable United
41 States Environmental Protection Agency emission standards.

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