

By 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, for a maximum rebate of \$25,000 per vehicle

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

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