

By the Committee on Appropriations; 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 rebate applications from certain
6 applicants; specifying preference for such
7 applications; providing an effective date.

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

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

13 377.810 Natural gas fuel fleet vehicle rebate program.—

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

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33 the date the department receives the application, until all
34 appropriated funds for the fiscal year are expended. All natural
35 gas fuel fleet vehicles eligible for the rebate must comply with
36 applicable United States Environmental Protection Agency
37 emission standards.

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