



26 | alternative ~~a natural gas~~ fuel fleet vehicle rebate program. The  
27 | purpose of the ~~this~~ program is to help reduce transportation  
28 | costs in this state and encourage freight mobility investments  
29 | that contribute to the economic growth of the state.

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

31 | (b) ~~(a)~~ "Conversion costs" means the excess cost associated  
32 | with retrofitting a diesel or gasoline powered motor vehicle to  
33 | an alternative ~~a natural gas~~ fuel powered motor vehicle.

34 | (c) ~~(b)~~ "Department" means the Department of Agriculture  
35 | and Consumer Services.

36 | (d) "Electric" means a power source that uses electricity  
37 | produced by rechargeable storage batteries to power a motor  
38 | vehicle.

39 | (e) ~~(e)~~ "Eligible costs" means the cost of conversion or  
40 | the incremental cost incurred by an applicant in connection with  
41 | an investment in the conversion, purchase, or lease lasting at  
42 | least 5 years, of an alternative fuel ~~a natural gas~~ fleet  
43 | vehicle placed into service on or after July 1, 2024 ~~2013~~. The  
44 | term does not include costs for project development, fueling  
45 | stations, or other fueling infrastructure.

46 | (f) ~~(d)~~ "Fleet vehicles" means three or more motor vehicles  
47 | registered in this state and used for commercial business or  
48 | governmental purposes.

49 | (g) "Hybrid" means a power source that draws propulsion  
50 | energy from onboard sources of stored energy in the form of an

51 internal combustion or a heat engine using combustible fuel and  
 52 a rechargeable energy-storage system to power a motor vehicle.

53 (h)-(e) "Incremental costs" means the excess costs  
 54 associated with the purchase or lease of an alternative a  
 55 ~~natural-gas~~ fuel motor vehicle as compared to an equivalent  
 56 diesel- or gasoline-powered motor vehicle.

57 (i) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in s.  
 58 206.01(23).

59 (a)-(f) "Alternative ~~Natural-gas~~ fuel" means any liquefied  
 60 petroleum gas product; hybrid, electric, or compressed natural  
 61 gas product; 7 or combination thereof used in a motor vehicle.  
 62 ~~The as defined in s. 206.01(23). This~~ term includes, but is not  
 63 limited to, all forms of fuel commonly or commercially known or  
 64 sold as natural gasoline, butane gas, propane gas, or any other  
 65 form of liquefied petroleum gas, compressed natural gas, or  
 66 liquefied natural gas. ~~The This~~ term does not include natural  
 67 gas or liquefied petroleum placed in a separate tank of a motor  
 68 vehicle for cooking, heating, water heating, or electric  
 69 generation.

70 (3) ALTERNATIVE ~~NATURAL-GAS~~ FUEL FLEET VEHICLE REBATE.—The  
 71 department shall award rebates for eligible costs ~~as defined in~~  
 72 ~~this section~~. Forty percent of the annual allocation must ~~shall~~  
 73 be reserved for governmental applicants, with the remaining  
 74 funds allocated for commercial applicants. A rebate may not  
 75 exceed 50 percent of the eligible costs of an alternative a

76 ~~natural gas~~ fuel fleet vehicle with a dedicated alternative ~~or~~  
 77 ~~bi-fuel natural gas~~ fuel operating system placed into service on  
 78 or after July 1, 2024 ~~2013~~. An applicant is eligible to receive  
 79 a maximum rebate of \$25,000 per vehicle up to a total of  
 80 \$250,000 per fiscal year. Between June 1 and June 30 of each  
 81 fiscal year, the department may receive additional applications  
 82 from applicants that have met the program maximum of \$250,000  
 83 per fiscal year. Those applicants may apply for additional funds  
 84 for vehicles that have not received a rebate, for a maximum  
 85 rebate of \$25,000 per vehicle up to a total of \$250,000.  
 86 Governmental applicants shall have preference, and any other  
 87 remaining funds may be used by commercial applicants. Rebates  
 88 must ~~shall~~ be allocated to eligible applicants on a first-come,  
 89 first-served basis, determined by the date the department  
 90 receives the application, until all appropriated funds for the  
 91 fiscal year are expended. All alternative ~~natural gas~~ fuel fleet  
 92 vehicles eligible for the rebate must comply with applicable  
 93 United States Environmental Protection Agency emission  
 94 standards.

95 (4) APPLICATION PROCESS.—

96 (a) An applicant seeking to obtain a rebate shall submit  
 97 an application to the department by a specified date each year  
 98 as established by department rule. The application must ~~shall~~  
 99 require a complete description of all eligible costs, proof of  
 100 purchase or lease of the vehicle for which the applicant is

101 seeking a rebate, a copy of the vehicle registration  
102 certificate, a description of the total rebate sought by the  
103 applicant, and any other information deemed necessary by the  
104 department. The application form adopted by department rule must  
105 include an affidavit from the applicant certifying that all  
106 information contained in the application is true and correct.

107 (b) The department shall determine the rebate eligibility  
108 of each applicant in accordance with ~~the requirements of this~~  
109 section and department rule. The total amount of rebates  
110 allocated to certified applicants in each fiscal year may not  
111 exceed the amount appropriated for the program in the fiscal  
112 year. Rebates must ~~shall~~ be allocated to eligible applicants on  
113 a first-come, first-served basis, determined by the date the  
114 application is received, until all appropriated funds for the  
115 fiscal year are expended or the program ends, whichever comes  
116 first. The department may not accept incomplete applications  
117 ~~submitted to the department will not be accepted~~ and such  
118 applications do not secure a place in the first-come, first-  
119 served application process.

120 (5) RULES.—The department shall adopt rules to implement  
121 and administer this section by December 31, 2024 ~~2013~~, including  
122 rules relating to the forms required to claim a rebate under  
123 this section, the required documentation and basis for  
124 establishing eligibility for a rebate, procedures and guidelines  
125 for claiming a rebate, and the collection of economic impact

126 | data from applicants.

127 |       (6) PUBLICATION.—The department shall determine and  
 128 | publish on its website on an ongoing basis the amount of  
 129 | available funding for rebates remaining in each fiscal year.

130 |       (7) ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.—By October 1, 2026 ~~2014~~, and each  
 131 | year thereafter that the program is funded, the department shall  
 132 | provide an annual assessment of the use of the rebate program  
 133 | during the previous fiscal year to the Governor, the President  
 134 | of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
 135 | ~~and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government~~  
 136 | ~~Accountability~~. The assessment must ~~shall~~ include, at a minimum,  
 137 | all of the following information:

138 |           (a) The name of each applicant awarded a rebate under this  
 139 | section. ~~;~~

140 |           (b) The amount of the rebates awarded to each applicant. ~~;~~

141 |           (c) The type and description of each eligible vehicle for  
 142 | which each applicant applied for a rebate. ~~;~~ ~~and~~

143 |           (d) The aggregate amount of funding awarded for all  
 144 | applicants claiming rebates under this section.

145 |       ~~(8) REPORT.—By January 31, 2016, the Office of Program~~  
 146 | ~~Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall release a~~  
 147 | ~~report reviewing the rebate program to the Governor, the~~  
 148 | ~~President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of~~  
 149 | ~~Representatives. The review shall include an analysis of the~~  
 150 | ~~economic benefits resulting to the state from the program.~~

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151        ~~(9) EFFECTIVE DATE. This section shall take effect July 1,~~  
152        ~~2013.~~  
153        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.