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SENATE STATE OF MINNESOTA NINETY-THIRD SESSION

A bill for an act

relating to energy; appropriating money for supplemental low-income home energy

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OFFICIAL STATUS

Introduction and first reading Referred to Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate

heating assistance. 1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA: 1.4 Section 1. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR HOME ENERGY 1.5 ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. 1.6 (a) \$60,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$60,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated 1.7 from the general fund to the commissioner of commerce to provide additional heating 1.8 assistance to low-income households on a statewide basis. The appropriation under this 1.9 section is in addition to funding made available through the low-income home energy 1.10 assistance program under United States Code, title 42, sections 8621 to 8630, and Minnesota 1 11 Statutes, section 216C.02, subdivision 1. 1.12 (b) A household is eligible for assistance under this section if the household's income 1.13 does not exceed three times the income the household could earn while still remaining 1.14 eligible for assistance under the low-income home energy assistance program under United 1.15 States Code, title 42, sections 8621 to 8630. 1.16 (c) The funding provided in this section is intended to supplement and not replace any 1.17 federal or other funding existing or otherwise available for heating assistance in Minnesota. 1.18 (d) Except as provided in paragraph (a), the commissioner must disburse the funds 1.19 1.20 provided in this section in a manner consistent with the requirements of the low-income home energy assistance program under United States Code, title 42, sections 8621 to 8630. 1.21

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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