

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to energy; directing Department of Commerce to adopt conservation
1.3 improvement program standards pertaining to appliance efficiency jurisdictions;
1.4 authorizing commissioner of commerce to allow appliances meeting certain
1.5 efficiency standards to be eligible for participation in utility conservation
1.6 improvement programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216B.241,
1.7 by adding a subdivision.

1.8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216B.241, is amended by adding a
1.10 subdivision to read:

1.11 Subd. 7a. **Appliance energy efficiency standards; rules.** (a) The Department
1.12 of Commerce shall adopt rules that establish appliance energy efficiency standards for
1.13 appliances for which the federal government has not established standards and that
1.14 are consistent with recently adopted appliance efficiency regulations in multiple states'
1.15 jurisdictions.

1.16 (b) Beginning January 1, 2011, the appliances identified by the commissioner of
1.17 commerce are eligible for inclusion in utilities' conservation improvement programs.

1.18 (c) By January 15, 2012, and annually thereafter, the commissioner of commerce
1.19 shall submit a report to the legislature summarizing the utilities' energy and emissions
1.20 savings relating to the appliance energy efficiency standards adopted under this
1.21 subdivision.