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H. F. No. 1351

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for grants to provide technical
1.3 assistance and appropriate technology for certain spark ignition motor fuel
1.4 wholesalers and retailers and to implement promotional programs; requiring reports.

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

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS; WHOLESALE AND RETAIL LIQUID MOTOR
1.7 FUEL EQUIPMENT GRANTS.

1.8 (a) \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.9 commissioner of agriculture for grants to motor fuel wholesalers and retail motor fueling
1.10 station operators to install the equipment necessary to store or dispense biofuels to the public
1.11 to meet the biofuel requirement goals established under Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911.
1.12 Motor fuel wholesalers are eligible for grant money under this paragraph for up to two
1.13 storage sites if each site is located in Minnesota and stores, or uses tank systems to blend,
1.14 motor fuel comprised of at least 15 percent of agriculturally derived, denatured ethanol by
1.15 volume. A retail motor fueling station operator is eligible for grant money under this
1.16 paragraph for up to and including 15 retail motor fuel dispensing sites if each site is located
1.17 in Minnesota and the grant money under this paragraph is used to modify or install storage
1.18 and dispensing components that dispense gasoline that is blended with at least 15 percent
1.19 of agriculturally derived, denatured ethanol by volume for use in spark ignition engines. A
1.20 grant award under this paragraph must not exceed 90 percent of the cost of the installation
1.21 project.

1.22 (b) The commissioner may use up to \$750,000 of the appropriated amount for
1.23 administrative expenses.

2.1 (c) The commissioner shall coordinate with stakeholders to establish operational initiatives
2.2 and grant criteria to more fully attain the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section
2.3 239.7911.

2.4 (d) The appropriation under this section is available until June 30, 2023. The
2.5 commissioner shall report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agricultural
2.6 policy and finance by February 1 for each year in which funds are available, detailing the
2.7 number of grants awarded under paragraph (a) and the projected effect of the grant program
2.8 on meeting the biofuel replacement goals under Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911.

2.9 **Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS; PROMOTION GRANTS.**

2.10 (a) To meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911, \$1,200,000 in
2.11 fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture
2.12 for grants to create greater awareness among motorists of the availability of motor fuel
2.13 comprised of 15 percent agriculturally derived, denatured ethanol by volume for use in
2.14 spark ignition engines. The commissioner shall coordinate with stakeholders to establish
2.15 grant criteria and distribute grants in a manner to more fully attain the requirements in
2.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911.

2.17 (b) The appropriation in paragraph (a) is available until June 30, 2023. The commissioner
2.18 shall report to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over agricultural policy and
2.19 finance by February 1 for each year in which funds are available, detailing the number of
2.20 grants awarded under paragraph (a) and the projected effect of the grant program on meeting
2.21 the biofuel replacement goals under Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911.