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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2278

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy assistance; transferring the balance in the renewable development
1.3 account to be used for low-income home energy assistance payments; transferring
1.4 money.

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

1.6 Section 1. LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;
1.7 TRANSFER.

1.8 (a) The balance remaining in the renewable development account established under
1.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, as of the effective date of this act is
1.10 transferred to the commissioner of commerce to provide additional heating assistance through
1.11 the low-income home energy assistance program under United States Code, title 42, sections
1.12 8621 to 8630, and Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.02, subdivision 1. No more than five
1.13 percent of this appropriation may be used for expenses to administer the program. Any
1.14 unspent balance available on June 30, 2021, cancels to the renewable development account.

1.15 (b) The funding provided in this section supplements but does not replace any federal
1.16 or other funding that exists or is otherwise available for heating assistance in Minnesota.

1.17 (c) The commissioner must disburse the funds provided in this section in a manner
1.18 consistent with the requirements of the federal low-income home energy assistance program
1.19 under United States Code, title 42, sections 8621 to 8630.

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