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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4198

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; establishing a rebate for the installation of solar energy devices
1.3 on residences; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 216C.

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

1.6 Section 1. 216C.418] RESIDENTIAL SOLAR REBATES.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "photovoltaic device" has
1.8 the meaning given in section 216C.06, subdivision 16.

1.9 Subd. 2. Rebate program established. The commissioner must establish a rebate
1.10 program to provide financial assistance to owners of single-family residences to purchase
1.11 and install photovoltaic devices on or adjacent to the residences.

1.12 Subd. 3. Application. An application for a rebate under this section must be made to
1.13 the commissioner on a form developed by the commissioner. The commissioner must
1.14 develop procedures and processes to (1) solicit and review applications, and (2) award
1.15 rebates under this section.

1.16 Subd. 4. Eligibility. (a) A rebate must not be awarded under this section for a photovoltaic
1.17 device capable of generating more than 120 percent of the average annual amount of
1.18 electricity consumed by the residence over the past three years.

1.19 (b) A rebate may be awarded under this section for a photovoltaic system that receives
1.20 financial assistance from the federal government or a Minnesota utility.

1.21 Subd. 5. Limitation. A rebate awarded under this section must not exceed four percent
1.22 of the total cost to purchase and install the photovoltaic device.

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

2.2 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.3 \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner  
2.4 of commerce to award rebates under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.418, to purchase and  
2.5 install residential solar photovoltaic devices. This is a onetime appropriation. This  
2.6 appropriation remains available until December 31, 2024.

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