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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to energy; correcting incorrect references; amending Laws 2017, chapter  
1.3 94, article 10, sections 28; 29.

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

1.5 Section 1. Laws 2017, chapter 94, article 10, section 28, is amended to read:

1.6 Sec. 28. **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION; "MADE IN MINNESOTA" SOLAR**  
1.7 **THERMAL REBATES.**

1.8 (a) No rebate may be paid under Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 216C.416, to an owner  
1.9 of a solar thermal system whose application was approved by the commissioner of commerce  
1.10 after the effective date of this act.

1.11 (b) Unspent money remaining in the account established under Minnesota Statutes 2014,  
1.12 section 216C.416, as of July 2, 2017, must be transferred to the ~~C-LEAF~~ renewable  
1.13 development account established under Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116C.779,  
1.14 subdivision 1.

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

1.16 Sec. 2. Laws 2017, chapter 94, article 10, section 29, is amended to read:

1.17 Sec. 29. **RENEWABLE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT; TRANSFER OF**  
1.18 **UNEXPENDED GRANT FUNDS.**

1.19 (a) No later than 30 days after the effective date of this section, the utility subject to  
1.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, must notify in writing each person

2.1 who received a grant funded from the renewable development account previously established  
2.2 under that subdivision:

2.3 (1) after January 1, 2012; and

2.4 (2) before January 1, 2012, if the funded project remains incomplete as of the effective  
2.5 date of this section.

2.6 The notice must contain the provisions of this section and instructions directing grant  
2.7 recipients how unexpended funds can be transferred to the ~~clean energy advancement fund~~  
2.8 renewable development account.

2.9 (b) A recipient of a grant from the renewable development account previously established  
2.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, must, no later than 30 days after  
2.11 receiving the notice required under paragraph (a), transfer any grant funds that remain  
2.12 unexpended as of the effective date of this section to the ~~clean energy advancement fund~~  
2.13 renewable development account if, by that effective date, all of the following conditions  
2.14 are met:

2.15 (1) the grant was awarded more than five years before the effective date of this section;

2.16 (2) the grant recipient has failed to obtain control of the site on which the project is to  
2.17 be constructed;

2.18 (3) the grant recipient has failed to secure all necessary permits or approvals from any  
2.19 unit of government with respect to the project; and

2.20 (4) construction of the project has not begun.

2.21 (c) A recipient of a grant from the renewable development account previously established  
2.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, must transfer any grant funds  
2.23 that remain unexpended five years after the grant funds are received by the grant recipient  
2.24 if, by that date, the conditions in paragraph (b), clauses (2) to (4), have been met. The grant  
2.25 recipient must transfer the unexpended funds no later than 30 days after the fifth anniversary  
2.26 of the receipt of the grant funds.

2.27 (d) A person who transfers funds to the ~~clean energy advancement fund~~ renewable  
2.28 development account under this section is eligible to apply for funding from the ~~clean energy~~  
2.29 ~~advancement fund~~ renewable development account.

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