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H. F. No. **2849**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

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Read Second Time

A bill for an act

relating to transportation; motor vehicles; eliminating barriers to the purchase of electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles by state agencies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, sections 16C.138, subdivision 2; 160.02, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 16C.138, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Notice of state procurement policy in bid documents.** All solicitation documents for the purchase of a passenger automobile, as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 24; pickup truck, as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 26; or van, as defined in section 168.002, subdivision 40, issued under the jurisdiction of the Department of Administration after June 30, 2006, must contain the following language: "It is the intention of the state of Minnesota to begin purchasing electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, ~~and neighborhood electric vehicles as soon as they become commercially available, meet the state's performance specifications, and are priced no more than ten percent above the price for comparable gasoline-powered vehicles, and natural gas~~ vehicles if the total life-cycle cost of ownership is less than or comparable to that of gasoline-powered vehicles. It is the intention of the state to purchase electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, ~~and neighborhood electric vehicles, and natural gas~~ vehicles whenever practicable after these conditions have been met and as fleet needs dictate for at least five years after these conditions have been met."

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 160.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

- 2.1 Subd. 21a. **Natural gas vehicle.** "Natural gas vehicle" or "NGV" means a motor
2.2 vehicle under section 169.011, subdivision 42, that is capable of being propelled by natural
2.3 gas, including compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas.