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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; appropriating money to complete the remaining obligation for  
1.3 the "Made in Minnesota" solar energy production incentive payments; appropriating  
1.4 money for final program administration costs; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2018,  
1.5 section 216C.417.

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

1.7 Section 1. **REMAINING "MADE IN MINNESOTA" SOLAR ENERGY**  
1.8 **PRODUCTION PROGRAM INCENTIVE OBLIGATION; APPROPRIATION.**

1.9 (a) On or before June 30, 2019, the commissioner of commerce must (1) determine the  
1.10 total remaining obligation for the "Made in Minnesota" solar energy production incentive  
1.11 program under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.417, and (2) report the amount determined  
1.12 under clause (1) to the commissioner of management and budget and the chairs and ranking  
1.13 minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction  
1.14 over energy policy.

1.15 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph  
1.16 (j), the amount determined by the commissioner of commerce under paragraph (a) is  
1.17 appropriated in fiscal year 2020 from the renewable development account under Minnesota  
1.18 Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), to the commissioner of commerce  
1.19 to make final payments for "Made in Minnesota" obligations.

1.20 (c) By October 15, 2019, the commissioner of commerce must pay the total remaining  
1.21 obligation for a "Made in Minnesota" solar energy production incentive approved by the  
1.22 commissioner under Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 216C.415, to an owner whose  
1.23 application was approved by the commissioner.

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

2.2 Sec. 2. **FINAL "MADE IN MINNESOTA" SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTION**  
2.3 **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION; APPROPRIATION.**

2.4 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the renewable development account in  
2.5 the special revenue fund established under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision  
2.6 1, to the commissioner of commerce to administer the final payments for remaining program  
2.7 obligations under the "Made in Minnesota" solar energy production incentive program in  
2.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.417, as provided in section 1. Any remaining unspent  
2.9 funds at the end of fiscal year 2020 cancel to the renewable development account.

2.10 Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

2.11 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 216C.417, is repealed.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 16, 2019.

**216C.417 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION; "MADE IN MINNESOTA" SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTION INCENTIVES.**

Subdivision 1. **General provisions.** Payment of a "Made in Minnesota" solar energy production incentive to an owner whose application was approved by the commissioner of commerce under section 216C.415, by May 1, 2017, must be administered under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 216C.411; 216C.413; 216C.414, subdivisions 1 to 3 and 5; and 216C.415. No incentive payments may be made under this section to an owner whose application was approved by the commissioner after May 1, 2017.

Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** (a) Unspent money remaining in the account established under Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 216C.412, on July 1, 2017, must be transferred to the renewable development account in the special revenue fund established under Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1.

(b) There is annually appropriated from the renewable development account in the special revenue fund established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, to the commissioner of commerce money sufficient to make the incentive payments required under Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 216C.415. Any funds appropriated under this paragraph that are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year cancel to the renewable development account.

(c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 216C.412, subdivision 1, none of this appropriation may be used for administrative costs.

Subd. 3. **Eligibility window; payment duration.** (a) Payments may be made under this subdivision only for solar photovoltaic module installations that meet the requirements of subdivision 1 and that first begin generating electricity between January 1, 2014, and October 31, 2018.

(b) The payment eligibility window of the incentive begins and runs consecutively from the date the solar photovoltaic modules first begins generating electricity.

(c) An owner of solar photovoltaic modules may receive payments under this section for a particular module for a period of ten years, provided that sufficient funds are available in the account.

(d) No payment may be made under this section for electricity generated after October 31, 2028.