

A bill for an act
relating to the environment; establishing a grant program for idling reduction
technology purchases; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in
Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116.

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

Section 1. **[116.935] DIESEL TRUCK IDLING REDUCTION DEVICE GRANTS.**

Subdivision 1. Definition. As used in this section, "qualifying idling reduction device" means equipment that is installed on a heavy-duty, diesel-powered, on-highway motor vehicle to reduce long-duration idling of that motor vehicle and that is designed to provide heat, air conditioning, or electricity that would otherwise require operation of the main drive engine while the motor vehicle is temporarily parked or stationary.

Subd. 2. Authority and eligibility. The commissioner may award a grant to an eligible applicant for up to 50 percent of the purchase and installation costs for one or more qualifying idling reduction devices. An applicant is eligible for a grant under this section if the applicant:

(1) is headquartered in this state;

(2) pays at least 50 percent of the purchase and installation cost for each idling reduction device covered by the grant without the use of other financial assistance from this state or from a local governmental unit in this state; and

(3) agrees to collect and report information relating to the operation and performance of each idling reduction device covered by the grant, as required by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. Grants. (a) Grant funds may be used for purchase and installation costs incurred by the recipient for the purchase and installation of a qualifying idling reduction

device, if it will result in decreased emissions of one or more air contaminants from the motor vehicle on which it is installed or decreased energy use by the motor vehicle.

(b) An applicant may apply for grant funds for up to one-half of the number of heavy-duty, diesel-powered, on-highway motor vehicles the applicant owns and operates.

(c) The commissioner shall withhold payment of at least 20 percent of the grant until the recipient has complied with the conditions established by the commissioner, including providing any required information.

(d) The commissioner shall collect and summarize information from grant recipients relating to the operation and performance of each idling reduction device and make the information available for downloading free of charge on the agency's Web site.

(e) No more than 20 percent of grant funds awarded each fiscal year under this section may be awarded to a single applicant.

(f) Twenty-five percent of grant funds awarded each fiscal year under this section is reserved for applicants owning 20 or fewer trucks.

Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.

\$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency for the grant program in section 1.