

A bill for an act

relating to energy; establishing policy encouraging renewable production of thermal energy; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

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

Section 1. **[216C.054] POLICY ENCOURAGING CERTAIN RENEWABLE PRODUCTION OF THERMAL ENERGY.**

It is the policy of this state to encourage the use of solar energy and the combustion of grasses, agricultural wastes, trees, and other vegetation to produce thermal energy for heating commercial, industrial, and residential buildings and for industrial processes. In their annual legislative proposals required by section 216H.07, subdivision 4, the commissioners of commerce and the Pollution Control Agency shall make recommendations to implement this policy. No legal claim against any person shall be allowed under this section. The combustion of municipal solid waste or refuse-derived fuel to produce thermal energy is not addressed under this section.