

A bill for an act
relating to environment; establishing a grant program for idling reduction
technology purchases; 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:

(1) "commercial motor vehicle" has the meaning given in section 169.011,
subdivision 16, paragraph (a), clauses (1), (2), and (4), and paragraph (b); and

(2) "idling reduction device" means equipment that is installed on a diesel-powered
commercial motor vehicle to reduce long-duration idling and that is designed to provide
heat, air conditioning, or electricity that would otherwise require operation of the main
drive engine while the commercial 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.

2.1 Subd. 3. **Grants.** (a) Grant funds may be used for purchase and installation costs
2.2 incurred by the recipient for the purchase and installation of a qualifying idling reduction
2.3 device, if it will result in decreased emissions of one or more air contaminants from the
2.4 motor vehicle on which it is installed or decreased energy use by the motor vehicle.

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

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

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

2.13 (e) No more than 20 percent of the department's fiscal year appropriation for this
2.14 grant program may be awarded to any one company.

2.15 (f) Twenty-five percent of the department's fiscal year appropriation for this grant
2.16 program is reserved for companies owning 20 or fewer trucks.

2.17 (g) The grant program in this section shall be implemented only if the agency's
2.18 application for federal funding, as required under subdivision 4, is successful.

2.19 Subd. 4. **Federal funds.** The agency must submit an application to the federal
2.20 Environmental Protection Agency for competitive grant funds made available under the
2.21 federal Diesel Emission Reduction Act's National, Smartway, or Emerging Technologies
2.22 Clean Diesel Grant Program, as specified in the American Recovery and Reinvestment
2.23 Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5. The application must request funding to reduce the cost of
2.24 purchasing and installing idling reduction devices in diesel-powered commercial vehicles.
2.25 Any funds awarded to the agency as a result of the application must be expended on the
2.26 grant program described in this section.

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