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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. **2603**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy

03/06/2014 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Energy Policy

03/26/2014 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; modifying permissible administrative expenses for
1.3 disbursement of supplemental low-income home energy assistance; appropriating
1.4 money for the weatherization assistance program; amending Laws 2014, chapter
1.5 145, section 1.

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

1.7 Section 1. Laws 2014, chapter 145, section 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Section 1. **LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;**
1.9 **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.**

1.10 (a) \$20,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2014 from the general fund to the
1.11 commissioner of commerce for the purpose of providing additional heating assistance
1.12 through the low-income home energy assistance program under United States Code, title
1.13 42, sections 8621 to 8630, and Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.02, subdivision 1. No
1.14 more than five eight percent of this appropriation may be used for expenses to administer
1.15 the program. ~~Any unspent balance available on June 30, 2014, cancels to the general fund.~~

1.16 (b) The funding provided in this section shall supplement, and not replace, any
1.17 federal or other funding existing or otherwise available for heating assistance in Minnesota.

1.18 (c) The commissioner shall disburse the funds provided in this section in a manner
1.19 consistent with the requirements of the federal low-income home energy assistance
1.20 program under United States Code, title 42, sections 8621 to 8630.

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

1.22 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.1 Any unspent balance available on June 30, 2014, from the appropriation made to the
2.2 commissioner of commerce in Laws 2014, chapter 145, section 1, may be used by the
2.3 commissioner of commerce for the purposes of the weatherization assistance program.
2.4 The unencumbered balance in fiscal year 2015 does not cancel but is available for fiscal
2.5 year 2016.

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