

A bill for an act

relating to energy; authorizing commissioner of commerce to prepare and plan for receipt of federal stimulus money for investment in energy conservation and efficiency and broadband deployment.

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

Section 1. **PREPARATION FOR FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY IN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY AREAS.**

Subdivision 1. **Plan required.** The federal government is discussing various federal stimulus strategies to assist states to recover from the economic distress, including high unemployment, that exists at the beginning of 2009. The commissioner of commerce shall immediately develop a plan for the use of federal stimulus money in the telecommunications area, including broadband deployment, and in energy areas traditionally within the jurisdiction of the commissioner, including, without limitation, the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy, energy conservation, heating of residences, and weatherization of residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings.

Subd. 2. **Involvement in developing federal plan.** The commissioner shall solicit input from local government, other state agencies, business, labor, and others for suggestions on the use of stimulus money. The commissioner shall, to the extent possible, communicate and consult with the federal government in the development of a federal stimulus package in the telecommunications and energy areas.

Subd. 3. **Development of state plan; considerations.** In developing the state plan, the commissioner shall attempt to maximize the broadband deployment, job development, and energy conservation and efficiencies that can be achieved.

- 2.1 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** This section expires March 1, 2010.
- 2.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.