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H. F. No. **2538**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to energy; establishing a preference for purchase of a motorboat with zero
- 1.3 net greenhouse gas emissions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16C.135,
- 1.4 by adding a subdivision.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 16C.135, is amended by adding a subdivision
- 1.7 to read:
- 1.8 Subd. 4. **Motorboat purchases.** (a) When purchasing a motorboat or a replacement
- 1.9 power train for a central motorboat fleet or for use by an agency, the commissioner or the
- 1.10 agency must purchase a motorboat powered by a qualifying electric marine power train or
- 1.11 a qualifying electric marine power train.
- 1.12 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply if the commissioner reasonably proves the motorboat
- 1.13 type would be incapable of carrying out the primary purpose for which the motorboat is
- 1.14 purchased. In order to qualify for the exemption under this paragraph, the applicable agency
- 1.15 commissioner must document:
- 1.16 (1) how a shift to electric propulsion would prohibit the motorboat type from completing
- 1.17 the primary purpose; and
- 1.18 (2) that reasonable attempts to source a qualifying electric marine power train in
- 1.19 combination with a more hydro-efficient or lighter-weight motorboat hull still failed to meet
- 1.20 the primary purpose.
- 1.21 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "motorboat" has the meaning given in section
- 1.22 86B.005, subdivision 9.

2.1 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, "qualifying electric marine power train" means a
2.2 fully electric outboard or inboard motor with continuous power greater than 15 kilowatts
2.3 used by vessels, of which the sole source of propulsive power is the energy stored in battery
2.4 packs. Qualifying electric marine power train includes required accessories, such as throttles,
2.5 displays, and battery packs.

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