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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 354

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; appropriating money for grants to provide technical
1.3 assistance and appropriate technology for certain spark ignition motor fuel
1.4 wholesalers and retailers and to implement promotional programs; requiring reports.

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

1.6 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS; WHOLESALE AND RETAIL LIQUID MOTOR
1.7 FUEL EQUIPMENT GRANTS.

1.8 (a) \$17,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.9 commissioner of agriculture for grants to motor fuel wholesalers and retail motor fueling
1.10 station operators to install equipment necessary to store or dispense biofuels to the public
1.11 in order to meet the biofuel requirement goals established under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.12 239.7911. Motor fuel wholesalers are eligible for grant money under this paragraph for up
1.13 to two storage sites if each site is located in Minnesota and stores, or uses tank systems to
1.14 blend, motor fuel comprised of at least 15 percent of agriculturally derived, denatured
1.15 ethanol by volume. A retail motor fueling station operator is eligible for grant money under
1.16 this paragraph for up to and including 15 retail motor fuel dispensing sites if each site is
1.17 located in Minnesota and the grant money under this paragraph is used to modify or install
1.18 storage and dispensing components that dispense gasoline that is blended with at least 15
1.19 percent of agriculturally derived, denatured ethanol by volume for use in spark ignition
1.20 engines. A grant award under this paragraph must not exceed 70 percent of the cost of the
1.21 installation project.

1.22 (b) The commissioner may use up to \$425,000 of the appropriated amount for
1.23 administration expenses.

2.1 (c) The commissioner shall coordinate with stakeholders to establish operational initiatives  
2.2 and grant criteria to more fully attain the requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.3 239.7911.

2.4 (d) This appropriation is available until expended. The commissioner shall report to the  
2.5 legislative committees with jurisdiction over agricultural policy and finance by February 1  
2.6 for each year in which funds are available, detailing the number of grants awarded under  
2.7 the paragraph (a) and the projected effect of the grant program on meeting the biofuel  
2.8 replacement goals under Minnesota Statutes, section 239.7911.