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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2837**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; amending a partial funding source for solar energy incentives;
1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section
1.4 216C.412, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 216C.412, subdivision 2,
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Payments from public utilities.** ~~(a)~~ Beginning January 1, 2014, and
1.9 each January 1 thereafter, through 2023, for a total of ten years, each electric public
1.10 utility subject to section 216B.241 must annually pay to the commissioner of commerce
1.11 five percent of the minimum amount it is required to spend on energy conservation
1.12 improvements under section 216B.241, subdivision 1a. Payments under this subdivision
1.13 must be included in the calculation of whether a utility's other spending on generation
1.14 exceeds the limits authorized for spending on generation under section 216B.2411,
1.15 subdivision 1, for investments proposed for commissioner of commerce approval after
1.16 July 1, 2013. The limits on spending in section 216B.2411 do not limit or apply to
1.17 payments required by this subdivision. Payments made under this paragraph count toward
1.18 satisfying expenditure obligations of a public utility under section 216B.241, subdivision
1.19 1a. The commissioner shall, upon receipt of the funds, deposit them in the account
1.20 established in subdivision 1. A public utility subject to this paragraph must be credited
1.21 energy savings for the purpose of satisfying its energy savings requirement under section
1.22 216B.241, subdivision 1c, based on its payment to the commissioner.

1.23 ~~(b) Notwithstanding section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (g), beginning~~
1.24 ~~January 1, 2014, and continuing through January 1, 2023, for a total of ten years, the~~

2.1 ~~public utility that manages the account under section 116C.779 must annually pay from~~
2.2 ~~that account to the commissioner an amount that, when added to the total amount paid to~~
2.3 ~~the commissioner of commerce under paragraph (a), totals \$15,000,000 annually. The~~
2.4 ~~commissioner shall, upon receipt of the payment, deposit it in the account established in~~
2.5 ~~subdivision 1.~~

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

2.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 216C.412, is amended by adding
2.8 a subdivision to read:

2.9 Subd. 3. **Appropriation.** Beginning in fiscal year 2015, and continuing each fiscal
2.10 year thereafter for a total of nine years, an amount is appropriated from the general fund
2.11 to the commissioner that, when added to the amount paid to the commissioner under
2.12 subdivision 2, totals \$15,000,000 annually. Upon receipt of the payment, the commissioner
2.13 shall deposit it in the account established in subdivision 1 for the purposes stated therein.

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