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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to electric vehicles; providing rebates to purchasers of electric vehicles;

1.3 awarding grants to install a network of electric vehicle charging stations;

1.4 appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter

1.5 216C.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[216C.401] ELECTRIC VEHICLE REBATES.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have

1.9 the meanings given.

1.10 (b) "Electric vehicle" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 26a,

1.11 paragraphs (a) and (b), clause (3).

1.12 (c) "New eligible electric vehicle" means an eligible electric vehicle that has not been

1.13 registered in any state.

1.14 (d) "Used eligible electric vehicle" means an eligible electric vehicle that has previously

1.15 been registered in a state.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Eligibility.** The purchaser of an electric vehicle is eligible for a rebate, subject

1.17 to the amounts and limits in subdivisions 3 and 4, if:

1.18 (1) the electric vehicle:

1.19 (i) has not been previously owned;

1.20 (ii) has not been modified from the original manufacturer's specifications; and

2.1 (iii) is purchased after the effective date of this act for use by the purchaser and not for
2.2 resale;

2.3 (2) the purchaser:

2.4 (i) is a resident of Minnesota, as defined in section 290.01, subdivision 7, paragraph (a),
2.5 when the electric vehicle is purchased;

2.6 (ii) is a business that has a valid address in Minnesota from which business is conducted;

2.7 (iii) is a nonprofit corporation incorporated under chapter 317A; or

2.8 (iv) is a political subdivision of the state; and

2.9 (3) the purchaser:

2.10 (i) has not received a rebate or tax credit for the purchase of an electric vehicle from
2.11 Minnesota; and

2.12 (ii) registers the electric vehicle in Minnesota.

2.13 Subd. 3. **Rebate amounts.** (a) A \$2,500 rebate may be issued under this section to an
2.14 eligible purchaser for the purchase of a new eligible electric vehicle.

2.15 (b) A \$500 rebate may be issued under this section to an eligible purchaser for the
2.16 purchase of a used eligible electric vehicle, provided the electric vehicle has not previously
2.17 been registered in Minnesota.

2.18 Subd. 4. **Limits.** (a) The number of rebates allowed under this section are limited to:

2.19 (1) no more than one rebate per resident per household; and

2.20 (2) no more than one rebate per business entity per year.

2.21 (b) A rebate must not be issued under this section for an electric vehicle with a
2.22 manufacturer's suggested retail price that exceeds \$60,000.

2.23 Subd. 5. **Program administration.** (a) Rebate applications under this section must be
2.24 filed with the commissioner on a form developed by the commissioner.

2.25 (b) The commissioner must develop administrative procedures governing the application
2.26 and rebate award process. Applications must be reviewed and rebates awarded by the
2.27 commissioner on a first-come, first-served basis.

2.28 (c) The commissioner may reduce the rebate amounts provided under subdivision 3 or
2.29 restrict program eligibility based on fund availability or other factors.

2.30 Subd. 6. **Expiration.** This section expires June 30, 2024.

3.1 Sec. 2. [216C.402] ELECTRIC VEHICLE PUBLIC CHARGING GRANT
3.2 PROGRAM.

3.3 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
3.4 the meanings given.

3.5 (b) "Electric vehicle" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 26a.

3.6 (c) "Electric vehicle charging station" means infrastructure that recharges an electric
3.7 vehicle's batteries by connecting the electric vehicle to:

3.8 (1) a level two charger that provides a 240-volt alternating current power source; or

3.9 (2) a DC fast charger that has an electric output of 20 kilowatts or greater.

3.10 (d) "Public electric vehicle charging station" means an electric charging station that
3.11 provides full access to all members of the public.

3.12 Subd. 2. Program. The commissioner must award grants to help fund the installation
3.13 of a network of public electric vehicle charging stations in Minnesota. The commissioner
3.14 must issue a request for proposals to entities that have experience installing, owning,
3.15 operating, and maintaining electric vehicle charging stations. The request for proposal must
3.16 establish technical specifications that electric vehicle charging stations are required to meet.

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

3.18 Sec. 3. APPROPRIATION.

3.19 (a) \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the
3.20 commissioner of commerce to award rebates to eligible electric vehicle purchasers under
3.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.401. Appropriations from this paragraph must be used to
3.22 award rebates to eligible purchasers who reside outside the retail electric service area of the
3.23 public utility subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1.

3.24 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph
3.25 (j), \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the renewable development account
3.26 established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the commissioner of
3.27 commerce to award rebates to eligible electric vehicle purchasers under Minnesota Statutes,
3.28 section 216C.401. Appropriations from this paragraph must be used to award rebates to
3.29 eligible purchasers who reside within the retail electric service area of the public utility
3.30 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1.

3.31 (c) \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the
3.32 commissioner of commerce to award grants to install electric vehicle charging stations under

4.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.402. Appropriations from this paragraph must be used to
4.2 award grants to install electric vehicle charging stations outside the retail electric service
4.3 area of the public utility subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1.
4.4 When awarding grants from the appropriation under this paragraph, the commissioner must
4.5 give special consideration to locating electric vehicle charging stations in state parks.

4.6 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph
4.7 (j), \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the renewable development account
4.8 established in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, to the commissioner of
4.9 commerce to award grants to install electric vehicle charging stations under Minnesota
4.10 Statutes, section 216C.402. Appropriations from this paragraph must be used to award grants
4.11 to install electric vehicle charging stations within the retail electric service area of the public
4.12 utility subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1.

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