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Bill Summary

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Overview

House File 2081, as amended, provides rebates to qualified purchasers of all-electric vehicles and trucks, vans, and buses that are fueled with compressed natural gas.

Section

- 1 [116C.779] Subd. 1. Energy fund account. Establishes the energy fund account in the special revenue fund, to which Xcel Energy makes annual contributions based on the number of nuclear waste casks stored at its nuclear generating plants in Minnesota. Strikes language directing how the money could be used when it was governed under statutes that created the Renewable Development Fund, and specifies new uses of the funds, including to pay rebates for electric and compressed natural gas vehicles.
- **2 [216B.1616] Electric vehicle rebates.** Directs the commissioner of commerce to implement a program to provide rebates of \$2,500 to purchasers of qualifying all-electric vehicles. Only individuals, and not businesses, are eligible to receive a rebate. \$5,000,000 is appropriated each year of the biennium from the energy fund account for this program.
- [216C.391] Compressed natural gas vehicles; rebate program. Directs the commissioner of commerce to implement a program to provide rebates to purchasers of qualifying compressed natural gas trucks, vans, and buses. Rebates may be awarded for newly purchased vehicles (ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000, depending on vehicle weight) or vehicles that have been converted from diesel fuel to compressed natural gas (50 percent of the conversion cost, up to \$5,000). A single business may not be awarded more than \$50,000 in rebates in a year for light- and medium-duty vehicles, and is limited to \$100,000 annually for heavy-duty vehicles. \$5,000,000 is appropriated each year of the biennium from the energy fund account for this program.