

Council Substitute for
Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 167

An act relating to the energy-efficient appliance rebate program; creating s. 377.807, F.S.; authorizing the Florida Energy and Climate Commission to develop and administer a consumer rebate program for specified energy-efficient appliances; authorizing the commission to adopt rules; authorizing the commission to enter into contracts or memoranda of agreement with other agencies of the state, public-private partnerships, and other arrangements for specified purposes; providing an appropriation; providing requirements for the release of the appropriation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 377.807, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

377.807 Energy-efficient appliance rebate program.—

(1) The Florida Energy and Climate Commission is authorized to develop and administer a consumer rebate program for residential energy-efficient appliances, consistent with 42 U.S.C. s. 15821 and any federal agency guidance or regulations issued in furtherance of federal law.

(2) The commission may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 designating eligible appliances, rebate amounts, and the administration of the issuance of rebates. The rules shall be consistent with 42 U.S.C. s. 15821 and any subsequent implementing federal regulations or guidance.

(3) The commission is authorized to enter into contracts or memoranda of agreement with other agencies of the state, public-private partnerships, or other arrangements such that the most efficient means of administering consumer rebates can be achieved.

Section 2. For the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the sum of \$150,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Florida Energy and Climate Commission for the purpose of administering the energy-efficient appliance rebate program; however, the funds shall not be released to the commission until it has submitted a report to the Legislative Budget Commission certifying that the energy-efficient appliance rebate program complies with 42 U.S.C. s. 15821 and any subsequent implementing federal regulations and that the state will receive funds pursuant to 42 U.S.C. s. 15821 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to implement the energy-efficient appliance rebate program.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor May 18, 2009.

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