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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill appropriates \$25,000,000 to the commissioner of commerce (commissioner) to provide home heating assistance to eligible households during calendar year 2006.

Section

- 1** **Emergency heating assistance.** Appropriates \$25,000,000 from the general fund to the commissioner to provide home heating assistance in calendar year 2006 to residential households with a gross income equal to or less than 60 percent of state median income (\$46,040). Requires the commissioner to distribute funds to eligible households according to the formula developed for the distribution of the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006. Requires priority to be given to households that did not receive federal energy assistance and that include senior citizens, persons with disabilities, or young children.
- 2** **Effective date.** Makes section 1 effective the day following final enactment.