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HF 4177/SF4943 (ACOMB/FRENTZ) COMMERCE ENERGY POLICY BILL

WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?

HF4177/SF4943 clarifies the authority of the Commissioner of Commerce in Minn.Stat.216C.08-216C.10. These sections outline commissioner jurisdiction, duties, and powers within the bounds of sections 216C.05 and 216C.30. The change would make clear that the commissioner has authority over the entire chapter and the programs in all sections.

WHY IS THIS BILL IMPORTANT?

This bill is important for both consumer protection and the safeguarding of taxpayer dollars that fund numerous programs in 216C. By clarifying that the Commissioner has authority over all the sections of the chapter, this bill will ensure that there is fairness in the marketplace and that department can take swift enforcement action against bad actors.

HOW WILL MINNESOTANS BE BETTER OFF IF WE PASS THIS BILL?

Minnesotans will benefit from having clarity in the laws that govern the various programs that were created in 216C to reduce the energy burden for people disproportionately impacted by rising energy costs and climate change.

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