

**16C.135 PURCHASES OF FUEL AND VEHICLES BY STATE AGENCIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section "cleaner fuels" means:

- (1) biodiesel blends of 20 percent or greater by volume (B20-B100);
- (2) compressed natural gas;
- (3) ethanol blends of 70 percent or greater by volume (E70-E100);
- (4) hydrogen;
- (5) liquefied natural gas; and
- (6) liquefied petroleum gas.

Subd. 2. **Fuel purchases.** When purchasing fuel for use in the enterprise fleet or for use in a motor vehicle owned or leased by an agency, the commissioner or the agency shall purchase, and shall require persons purchasing on their behalf to purchase, cleaner fuels for use in the motor vehicle if cleaner fuels are reasonably available at similar costs to other fuels and if cleaner fuels are compatible with the use to which the motor vehicle is put.

Subd. 3. **Vehicle purchases.** Consistent with section 16C.137, subdivision 1, when purchasing a motor vehicle for the enterprise fleet or for use by an agency, the commissioner or the agency shall purchase a motor vehicle that is capable of being powered by cleaner fuels, or a motor vehicle powered by electricity or by a combination of electricity and liquid fuel, if the total life-cycle cost of ownership is less than or comparable to that of other vehicles and if the vehicle is capable of carrying out the purpose for which it is purchased.

**History:** 2002 c 312 s 1; 2014 c 281 s 1; 2021 c 31 art 1 s 26