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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Energy Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to energy; prohibiting discrimination by delivered fuel vendors against  
1.3 customers receiving fuel assistance; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes, chapter 216B.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[216B.099] DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CUSTOMERS**  
1.7 **RECEIVING FUEL ASSISTANCE.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Discrimination prohibited.** A vendor of liquid propane gas, number  
1.9 one fuel oil, or number two fuel oil sold to a residential customer to heat a residence may  
1.10 not refuse service nor discriminate against a customer by charging a different price or by  
1.11 requiring payment to be made at a different time or in cash, solely because the customer  
1.12 receives or has applied to receive financial assistance to help pay energy bills from a  
1.13 federal, state, or local unit of government.

1.14 Subd. 2. **Remedies.** This section may be enforced by the attorney general under  
1.15 section 8.31, and by private action under section 8.31, subdivision 3a.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.