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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; directing Pollution Control Agency to adopt rules to
1.3 limit emissions of high global warming potential gases; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2008, section 216H.10, subdivisions 1, 7; proposing coding for new law
1.5 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216H.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216H.10, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.8 read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** For purposes of sections 216H.10 to ~~216H.13~~
1.10 216H.14, the following terms have the meanings given.

1.11 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216H.10, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.12 Subd. 7. **High-GWP greenhouse gas.** "High-GWP greenhouse gas" means
1.13 hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, ~~and~~ sulfur hexafluoride, nitrous trifluoride, and any
1.14 other gas the agency deems to have a high global warming potential.

1.15 Sec. 3. **[216H.14] RULEMAKING; HIGH GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL**
1.16 **GASES.**

1.17 Subdivision 1. **Rulemaking.** The agency shall adopt rules under chapter 14 to
1.18 reduce statewide greenhouse gas emission of high-GWP greenhouse gases. The rules shall
1.19 further the goals of section 216H.02, subdivision 1.

1.20 Subd. 2. **Phased emission reduction.** Rules adopted under this section shall
1.21 provide for a phased reduction in high-GWP greenhouse gas emissions from the identified
1.22 sources, beginning with the elimination of emissions that can be accomplished without
1.23 significant cost or at reasonable cost. The rules shall require or create incentives for the

2.1 elimination or reduction of emissions by the use of substitution, product bans, prudent
2.2 managerial practices, process changes, and improved technology.

2.3 Subd. 3. **Cost of compliance.** Rules adopted under this section shall establish
2.4 the reasonable cost per ton of carbon dioxide equivalent reduction, at a minimum of
2.5 \$15 per carbon dioxide equivalent ton or 25 percent of the average cost of control of all
2.6 climate change gases per carbon dioxide equivalent ton across all sectors and sources,
2.7 whichever is greater.