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HB 214

Sponsor Statement

"An Act authorizing the Department of Environmental Conservation to award grants for the control of air emissions or the development and administration of air quality control programs; and providing for an effective date."

House Bill 214 provides statutory authority for the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to grant funds for the control of air emissions or the development or administration of air quality control programs in the state. The authority is needed so that DEC can distribute funds available through the Air Quality Grant – Diesel Emission Reduction program in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This program would provide \$2,000,000 to grantees for energy efficiency upgrades such as new, more efficient power generation equipment and public transportation vehicles.