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Public Act No. 07-240

AN ACT CONCERNING GEOTHERMAL HEAT SYSTEMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Renewable Energy Investments Advisory Committee, established pursuant to section 16-245n of the general statutes, shall, in consultation with the Department of Public Utility Control and the Energy Conservation Management Board, established pursuant to section 16-245m of the general statutes, study (1) the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of geothermal and other advanced heat pump systems, (2) appropriate geothermal applications for industrial, commercial and municipal purposes, and (3) any barriers, financial or otherwise, to greater applications and ways to promote more applications. The board shall report its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy on or before February 1, 2008.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (57) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after said date*):

(57) (a) Subject to authorization of the exemption by ordinance in

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any municipality, any Class I renewable energy source, as defined in section 16-1, or any hydropower facility described in subdivision (27) of said section 16-1, installed for the generation of electricity for private residential use or on a farm, as defined in subsection (q) of section 1-1, provided such installation occurs on or after October 1, 1977, and further provided such installation is for a single family dwelling, [or] multifamily dwelling consisting of two to four units or a farm.

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