



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 179**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5225

*House of Representatives, March 29, 2010*

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. SHAPIRO of the 144th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING SOLAR WORK.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The administrator of a  
2 solar photovoltaic rebate program funded in whole or in part,  
3 pursuant to section 16-245n of the general statutes, shall deem the  
4 holder of an E-1 or E-2 electrical license issued pursuant to chapter 393  
5 of the general statutes an eligible photovoltaic contractor under such  
6 program if such license holder is qualified by experience or training in  
7 photovoltaic system siting, design and electrical services. For purposes  
8 of this subsection, a license holder is qualified by experience or  
9 training in photovoltaic system siting, design and electrical services if  
10 such license holder has (1) completed either (A) a photovoltaic  
11 installation training course, or (B) received manufacturer certification  
12 regarding the photovoltaic products to be installed by the license  
13 holder under such program, and (2) (A) has completed one or more  
14 photovoltaic installations as a lead installer or as a subcontractor,  
15 which installations may be grid-tied photovoltaic systems installed at

16 such license holder's residence or business, (B) has been the on-site  
17 supervisor for one or more photovoltaic system installations, or (C) has  
18 completed not less than seven photovoltaic system installations as an  
19 apprentice.

20 (b) Nothing in this section shall exempt the holder of an E-1 or E-2  
21 license issued pursuant to chapter 393 of the general statutes from  
22 insurance or inspection requirements of a solar photovoltaic rebate  
23 program that is subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
24 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill expands eligibility for private contractors to participate in projects funded by the Renewable Energy Investment Fund. There is no related fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5225*****AN ACT CONCERNING SOLAR WORK.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the administrator of a solar photovoltaic rebate program funded by the Renewable Energy Investment Fund to allow qualified E-1 and E-2 electricians to be eligible for the program. It does not exempt such electricians from a rebate program's insurance or inspection requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**PHOTOVOLTAIC QUALIFICATIONS**

The bill requires a solar photovoltaic rebate program funded by the Renewable Energy Investment Fund to allow E-1 and E-2 electrical licensees to be eligible photovoltaic rebate program contractors if they are qualified by experience or training in photovoltaic system siting, design, and electrical services.

A license holder is qualified by experience or training if he or she:

1. (a) has completed a photovoltaic installation training course or (b) received manufacturer certification regarding the photovoltaic products to be installed and
2. has (a) completed one or more photovoltaic installations as a lead installer or as a subcontractor, these installations may be grid-tied photovoltaic systems installed at such license holder's residence or business (b) been the on-site supervisor for one or more photovoltaic system installations or (c) completed seven or more photovoltaic system installations as an apprentice.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

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General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19    Nay 0    (03/11/2010)