



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 223**

February Session, 2010

House Bill No. 5464

*House of Representatives, March 30, 2010*

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through REP. NARDELLO of the 89th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS.**

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 29-263 of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2010*):
- 3 (NEW) (c) Any municipality may, by ordinance adopted by its  
4 legislative body, exempt alternative energy projects from payment of  
5 building permit fees imposed by the municipality.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	29-263
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**ET** Joint Favorable

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>	<b>FY 12 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Loss	Potential	Potential

**Explanation**

The bill permits municipalities to exempt alternative energy projects from payment of all building permits fees imposed by the municipality. This could result in a revenue loss for the towns that choose to allow this exemption.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5464*****AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows a municipality's legislative body to adopt an ordinance to exempt alternative energy projects from paying municipal building permit fees. It appears that the exemption would not apply to the state-mandated fee of 16 cents per \$1,000 of construction value that supports building code training and educational programs. Neither the bill nor current law defines "alternative energy projects."

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2010

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

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