



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 2

February Session, 2014



AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRIC CUSTOMER CONSUMER PROTECTION AND CERTAIN SOLAR LIGHTING SYSTEMS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Public Utilities Regulatory
2 Authority shall study (1) the disclosure of electric supplier contract
3 terms on electric customer bills, and (2) the feasibility of redesigning
4 the existing Internet web site on which an informational summary on
5 electric suppliers is posted. The study shall include, but not be limited
6 to, recommendations for additional disclosures by electric suppliers on
7 electric customer bills and how to enhance the ability of a customer to
8 compare electric supplier offers and make a purchase directly through
9 such web site. On or before January 1, 2015, the authority shall report,
10 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
11 statutes, the findings of such study to the joint standing committee of
12 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy.

13 Sec. 2. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (57) of section 12-81 of the
14 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
15 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable to*
16 *assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2014*):

17 (57) (A) (i) Any Class I renewable energy source, as defined in

18 section 16-1, or hydropower facility described in subdivision (27) of
19 subsection (a) of section 16-1, installed for the generation of electricity
20 for private residential use or on a farm, as defined in subsection (q) of
21 section 1-1, provided such installation occurs on or after October 1,
22 2007, and further provided such installation is for a single family
23 dwelling, a multifamily dwelling consisting of two to four units or a
24 farm, [or] (ii) any passive or active solar water or space heating system,
25 or (iii) any geothermal energy resource. In the case of clause (ii) or (iii)
26 of this subparagraph, such exemption shall apply only to the amount
27 by which the assessed valuation of the real property equipped with
28 such system or resource exceeds the assessed valuation of such real
29 property equipped with the conventional portion of the system or
30 resource;

31 Sec. 3. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (57) of section 12-81 of the
32 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
33 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable to*
34 *assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2014*):

35 (D) For assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2014,
36 any (i) Class I renewable energy source, as defined in section 16-1, (ii)
37 hydropower facility described in subdivision (27) of subsection (a) of
38 section 16-1, or (iii) solar thermal or geothermal renewable energy
39 source, installed for generation or displacement of energy, provided
40 [(i)] (I) such installation occurs on or after January 1, 2014, [(ii)] (II) is
41 for commercial or industrial purposes, [and (iii)] (III) the nameplate
42 capacity of such source or facility does not exceed the load for the
43 location where such generation or displacement is located, and (IV) in
44 the case of clause (iii) of this subparagraph, such exemption shall apply
45 only to the amount by which the assessed valuation of the real
46 property equipped with such source exceeds the assessed valuation of
47 such real property equipped with the conventional portion of the
48 source;

49 Sec. 4. Subdivision (117) of section 12-412 of the 2014 supplement to
50 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

51 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014, and applicable to sales occurring on or after*
 52 *said date*):

53 (117) (A) Sales and use of solar energy electricity generating
 54 systems, [and] solar lighting systems that integrate the use of sunlight
 55 and efficient, electric lighting in a common fixture to illuminate the
 56 interior of a building, passive or active solar water or space heating
 57 systems and geothermal resource systems, including equipment
 58 related to such systems, and sales of services relating to the installation
 59 of such systems.

60 (B) Sales of and the storage, use or other consumption of machinery,
 61 equipment, tools, materials, supplies and fuel used directly in the
 62 renewable energy and clean energy technology industries. As used in
 63 this subdivision, "renewable energy and clean energy technology
 64 industries" means industries that apply technologies to produce,
 65 improve or develop solar energy electricity generating systems, solar
 66 lighting systems that integrate the use of sunlight and efficient, electric
 67 lighting in a common fixture to illuminate the interior of a building,
 68 passive or active solar water or space heating systems, geothermal
 69 resource systems and wind power electric generation systems,
 70 including equipment related to such systems.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2014</i>	12-81(57)(A)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2014</i>	12-81(57)(D)

Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2014, and applicable to sales occurring on or after said date</i>	12-412(117)
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