



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 567

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The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HOME ENERGY SOLUTIONS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Home Energy Solutions program" means a home energy
4 efficiency audit and energy conservation program funded by electric
5 distribution company ratepayers for eligible ratepayers.

6 (2) "Home Energy Solutions approved contractor" means a business
7 entity selected by an electric distribution company to perform audit
8 and energy conservation services under the Home Energy Solutions
9 program.

10 (3) "Applicant Home Energy Solutions contractor" means any
11 business entity that applies to an electric distribution company for
12 selection as a Home Energy Solutions approved contractor.

13 (4) "Bid" means a price list submitted to an electric distribution
14 company by an applicant Home Energy Solutions contractor for
15 potential selection as a Home Energy Solutions approved contractor.

16 (b) Each electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1 of
17 the general statutes, shall annually post on its Internet web site a list of
18 all bids submitted by applicant Home Energy Solutions contractors
19 during the preceding year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section

ET *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which requires each electric distribution company to annually post on its web site a list of all bids submitted by Home Energy Solutions contractors during the preceding year, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 567*****AN ACT CONCERNING HOME ENERGY SOLUTIONS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires electric companies to annually post to their Internet websites bids submitted by any business applying to be a Home Energy Solutions approved contractor, which, under the bill, is a business entity selected by an electric company to perform audit and energy conservation services under the Home Energy Solutions program. Under the bill, a bid is a price list submitted by the business for potential selection as a Home Energy Solutions approved contractor.

The bill defines the Home Energy Solutions program as a home energy efficiency audit and energy conservation program funded by electric company ratepayers for eligible ratepayers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

BACKGROUND***Home Energy Solutions***

The Home Energy Solutions audit program is funded by electric and gas ratepayer funds allocated in accordance with the Conservation and Load Management (C&LM) plan. The Energy Conservation Management Board (i.e., the Energy Efficiency Board) advises the utilities in formulating C&LM plans, which are subject to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's approval.

In practice, the utilities select Home Energy Solutions contractors through a competitive bidding process and require them to meet certain qualifications to be eligible to participate in the program.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/24/2015)