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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFIT
GRANT PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

AMENDMENT

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The amendment eliminates the provision requiring that the Department of Housing (DOH) administer an energy retrofit program for affordable housing units and its associated fiscal impact.

The amendment instead requires that the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) administer the energy retrofit program established in the underlying bill. The amendment results in a cost to DEEP of approximately \$329,000 in FY 22 and \$341,000¹ in FY 23 for the salaries and fringe benefits associated with hiring a program director and a research analyst to administer the program.

The amendment will also result in a revenue gain of between \$1-\$3 million to DEEP rather than DOH by requiring that the \$5 fee on building permits established in the underlying bill be deposited into a non-lapsing account within DEEP.

The amendment also makes multifamily homes with more than 5

¹ The fringe benefit costs for employees funded out of other appropriated funds are budgeted within the fringe benefit account of those funds, as opposed to the fringe benefit accounts within the Office of the State Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes for other appropriated fund employees is 95.57% of payroll in FY 22 and FY 23

units eligible for certain Class I renewable energy programs under current law and does not result in a fiscal impact.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) plan adopted by the Appropriations Committee includes \$8 million in federal funding for this program. The amendment does not contemplate how such funding would be applied to the program if the plan ultimately becomes law.

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