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SB-297

AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR  
CUSTOMERS OF SOLAR POWER COMPANIES.

## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 25 \$</b>	<b>FY 26 \$</b>
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	55,000	72,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	22,000	29,000

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill subjects solar companies to certain telemarketing and solicitation restrictions and makes violations an unfair trade practice resulting in a cost to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) and the State Comptroller beginning in FY 25. To meet the requirements of the bill DCP will need to hire one special investigator for a salary and other expenses cost of \$55,000 in FY 25<sup>2</sup> and \$72,000 in FY 26, along with associated fringe benefit costs of \$22,000 in FY 25 and \$29,000 in FY 26. The additional employee is needed to manage, review, and investigate the additional complaints.

The bill also creates a taskforce to study the improvement of photovoltaic solar systems sales for customers and is expected to be completed within existing resources, resulting in no fiscal impact to the

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.25% of payroll in FY 25.

<sup>2</sup>FY 25 costs reflect 9 months of salary due to the bill's October 1, 2024 effective date.

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***The Out Years***

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