



General Assembly

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Offered by:

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To: Senate Bill No. 297

File No. 356

Cal. No. 230

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to examine and make recommendations concerning policy, regulations
5 and legislation to improve disclosure requirements and consumer
6 protection for consumers who purchase, lease or enter into power
7 purchase agreements for solar photovoltaic systems. Such study shall
8 include an examination of whether special protections are necessary for
9 consumers who are low-income or senior citizens.

10 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
12 the commissioner's designee;

13 (2) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or

- 14 the chairperson's designee;
- 15 (3) The Consumer Counsel, or the Consumer Counsel's designee;
- 16 (4) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's
17 designee;
- 18 (5) The president of the Connecticut Green Bank, or the president's
19 designee;
- 20 (6) One appointed by the Governor, who shall be a member of an
21 association that represents retailers of solar photovoltaic systems in the
22 state;
- 23 (7) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
24 one of whom shall have experience representing senior citizens in
25 matters related to consumer protection or utilities;
- 26 (8) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
27 whom shall have experience representing consumer groups, especially
28 in underserved communities;
- 29 (9) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
30 Representatives;
- 31 (10) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 32 (11) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
33 Representatives; and
- 34 (12) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.
- 35 (c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
36 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
37 be filled by the appointing authority.
- 38 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
39 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairperson of the task force
40 from among the members of the task force. Such chairperson shall

41 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later
42 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

43 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
44 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
45 technology shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

46 (f) Not later than January 1, 2025, the task force shall submit a report
47 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
48 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
49 energy and technology and general law, in accordance with the
50 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
51 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2025,
52 whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section