

**SB0416/823320/1**

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 416  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 7 and 8, strike “mapping tools” and substitute “information regarding the Program; requiring the Administration to develop a certain consumer protection policy”; in lines 8 and 9, strike “fee and allowance proceeds” and substitute “fees”; in line 13, strike the first comma and substitute “and”; in the same line, strike “, and (g-2)”; and strike in their entirety lines 21 through 25, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 8, strike “80%” and substitute “150%”; strike in their entirety lines 10 through 15, inclusive; in line 16, strike “(6)” and substitute “(4)”; strike in their entirety lines 18 and 19; and in line 28, after “(D)” insert “(1)”.

On page 3, in lines 1 and 3, strike “(1)” and “(2)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively; in line 1, strike “NOVEMBER 1, 2024” and substitute “JANUARY 1, 2025”; after line 3, insert:

**“(2) AN APPLICANT FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:**

**(I) INCLUDE IN THE APPLICATION AN EXECUTED CONTRACT TO PURCHASE OR LEASE A SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM OR AN EXECUTED POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SYSTEM;**

**(II) DEMONSTRATE THAT AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN A THIRD PARTY AND AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR MEETS THE MINIMUM BENEFITS PUBLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (J) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

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**(III) INCLUDE A SIGNED DISCLOSURE FORM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (L) OF THIS SECTION.**”;

strike beginning with “ELIGIBLE” in line 4 down through “(1)” in line 6; in line 7, strike “IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT” and substitute “IN AN AMOUNT”; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 9 down through the second “SYSTEM” in line 19; strike beginning with “GRANTS” in line 20 down through “A” in line 21 and substitute “A”; in line 21, strike “(E)(1) OR (2)” and substitute “(E)”; in line 23, after “ARTICLE” insert “AND ALLOCATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-20B-05(G-1) OF THIS TITLE”; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 23 down through the second “TITLE” in line 26; and in line 28, strike “7-306.2(F)(1)(IV)” and substitute “7-306.2(F)(1)(IV)1 THROUGH 6”.

On page 4, in line 12, strike “WEEKLY” and substitute “REGULARLY”; strike beginning with “MAPPING” in line 13 down through the second “COMMUNITY” in line 16 and substitute “:

**(1) THE DISCLOSURE FORM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (L) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

**(2) THE MINIMUM BENEFITS THAT AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR MUST RECEIVE UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH A THIRD PARTY**”;

strike in their entirety lines 17 through 26, inclusive, and substitute:

**“(K) A SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM SHALL BE INSTALLED WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION IS RESERVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR.”**;

and after line 26, insert:

“(L) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP A CONSUMER PROTECTION POLICY IN CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CUSTOMER-SITED SOLAR INDUSTRY.

(2) THE CONSUMER PROTECTION POLICY DEVELOPED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

(I) INCLUDE A DISCLOSURE FORM FOR SOLAR ENERGY POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, SOLAR ENERGY LEASE AGREEMENTS, AND SOLAR ENERGY LOAN AGREEMENTS THAT MUST BE SIGNED BY AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR BEFORE ENTERING INTO THE AGREEMENT;

(II) FOR A SOLAR ENERGY POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT OR A SOLAR ENERGY LEASE AGREEMENT, PROHIBIT AN ANNUAL RATE INCREASE OF MORE THAN 3%;

(III) ALLOW A CUSTOMER-GENERATOR TO CANCEL AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO WITH A THIRD PARTY UP TO 30 DAYS AFTER SIGNING THE AGREEMENT; AND

(IV) BE EASILY ACCESSIBLE ON THE ADMINISTRATION’S WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.”.

On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 4 on page 5 through line 9 on page 6, inclusive.

On page 6, in line 10, strike “(G-2) (1)” and substitute “(G-1)”; in lines 13, 16, 21, and 23, strike “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, and “(IV)”, respectively, and substitute “(1)”, “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively; in line 13, strike “60%” and substitute “20%”; in

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line 14, after “SHALL” insert “BE USED TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO”; and strike beginning with “SUBJECT” in line 16 down through “SYSTEM” in line 20 and substitute “UP TO 10% OF THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE CREDITED TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND”.

On pages 6 and 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 26 on page 6 through line 7 on page 7, inclusive.

On page 7, in line 29, after the period insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.