

ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 266

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 266.

Assembly Bill No. 266 requires that an identifying emblem displaying the letters "S/P" be placed next to the main entrance of a building if solar panels are attached to the roof of that building. Current law requires identifying emblems with truss construction display the letter "F" to signify a floor with truss construction; "R" to signify a roof with truss construction; or "F/R" to signify both a floor and roof with truss construction. This bill requires an additional emblem with the letters "S/P" to signify "solar panels" be placed to the left of the main entrance of any structure that has solar panels affixed to its roof.

In addition, this bill requires that all existing and newly constructed buildings that have solar panels be equipped with an external shut-off switch. The purpose of this bill is to protect the safety of firefighters who respond to an emergency call at a home that has solar panels.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2012-2013 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.