SENATE, No. 607 **STATE OF NEW JERSEY** 218th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Exempts solar energy systems from building fees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee with technical review.



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AN ACT exempting certain solar energy systems from fees and 1 2 amending P.L.1985, c.85. 3 4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1985, c.85 (C.52:27D-130.2) is amended to 8 read as follows: 9 1. No person shall be required to pay a [municipal] fee or 10 charge in order to secure a construction permit or receive plan 11 review for the installation or alteration of a solar energy [heating or cooling] system in any building or part thereof. As used in this 12 [act] section, "solar energy [heating and cooling] system" means a 13 14 solar energy system which is certified as eligible for an exemption from property taxation as a renewable energy system by [the 15 16 Department of Community Affairs] an enforcing agency pursuant 17 to [P.L.1977, c.256 (C.54:4-3.113 et seq.)] P.L.2008, c.90 (C.54:4-18 3.113a et seq.). 19 (cf: P.L.1985, c.85, s.1) 20 21 2. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.85 (C.52:27D-130.3) is amended to 22 read as follows: 23 2. The installation or alteration of a solar energy [heating or cooling] system in any building shall not be subject to any fee, 24 25 including any surcharge or training fee, imposed by any department 26 or agency of State government pursuant to any law, or rule or 27 regulation. As used in this section, "solar energy system" means a 28 solar energy system which is certified as eligible for an exemption 29 from property taxation as a renewable energy system by a local 30 enforcing agency pursuant to P.L.2008, c.90 (C.54:4-3.113a et 31 seq.). 32 (cf: P.L.1985, c.85, s.2) 33 34 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in **bold-faced** brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined <u>thus</u> is new matter.