

**SENATE, No. 3134**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires all new State buildings to have solar or geothermal energy systems, where feasible.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning renewable energy systems in new State  
2 buildings and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Division of Property Management and Construction  
8 in the Department of the Treasury shall require that all newly  
9 constructed State buildings include the installation and operation of  
10 renewable energy systems powered by solar and geothermal energy  
11 sources, where feasible. Renewable energy systems shall be  
12 designed to provide all or a portion of the heating, cooling, or  
13 general electrical energy needs of these buildings.

14 b. As used in this section:

15 "Geothermal energy" means heat derived from the earth that can  
16 be harnessed for electricity production, direct heat, or heat pump  
17 use.

18 "Solar energy" means energy which has recently originated in the  
19 sun, including direct and indirect solar radiation and intermediate  
20 solar energy from wind and sea thermal gradients.

21 "State building" means a building that is built, owned, and  
22 operated by a State agency.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill would require that, where feasible, the construction of  
30 all new State buildings include the installation of renewable energy  
31 systems powered by solar and geothermal energy sources.