

# SENATE, No. 2846

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires State agencies in awarding contracts for purchase of items that require power source to consider items powered by fuel cells.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT requiring State agencies that award contracts for the  
2 purchase of items that require a power source to consider items  
3 powered by fuel cells and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised  
4 Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. A State agency that seeks to purchase any item requiring the  
10 use of a power source, including but not limited to motor vehicles,  
11 material and cargo-handling equipment such as forklifts, harbor  
12 craft, generators, power systems, portable floodlights, microgrids,  
13 and telecommunications equipment, shall include in the request for  
14 proposals provisions that allow for the consideration of items that  
15 are powered by fuel cells.

16 As used in this section:

17 "fuel cell" means a device or system that is designed to provide  
18 heating or cooling, or electrical or mechanical power, by converting  
19 the chemical energy of a fuel and an oxidant into electricity through  
20 a non-combustive electrochemical process; and

21 "State agency" means any of the principal departments in the  
22 Executive Branch of the State Government, and any division, board,  
23 bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or  
24 created by such department and any independent State authority,  
25 commission, instrumentality or agency which is authorized by law  
26 to award contracts.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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31 STATEMENT  
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33 This bill provides that a State agency that seeks to purchase an  
34 item requiring the use of a power source, including but not limited  
35 to motor vehicles, material and cargo-handling equipment such as  
36 forklifts, harbor craft, generators, power systems, portable  
37 floodlights, microgrids, and telecommunications equipment, must  
38 include in the request for proposals provisions that allow for the  
39 consideration of items that are powered by fuel cells. The bill  
40 would apply to principal departments in the Executive Branch of the  
41 State Government, and any division, board, bureau, office,  
42 commission or other instrumentality within or created by such  
43 department and any independent State authority, commission,  
44 instrumentality or agency which is authorized by law to award  
45 contracts.