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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 529,
L.D. 1504, Bill, "An Act Regarding Solar Power for Farms and Businesses"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 15 to 22 in amendment).

Amend the amendment in section 2 in §3209-A in subsection 3 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 20 in amendment) by striking out the following: "200" and inserting the following: "100"

Amend the amendment in section 2 in §3209-A by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 2, lines 27 to 31 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'4. Rules. The commission shall adopt rules governing net energy billing to implement this section. The rules must apply the following percentages to the net energy for an eligible customer's transmission and distribution bill:

A. One hundred percent for a customer that applies for a net energy billing arrangement by December 31, 2017;

B. Ninety percent for a customer that applies for a net energy billing arrangement after December 31, 2017 and by December 31, 2018; and

C. Eighty percent for a customer that applies for a net energy billing arrangement after December 31, 2018 and by December 31, 2019.

After December 31, 2019, the commission, by rule, may reduce by up to 10% in any calendar year the percentage of an eligible customer's net energy that applies to that customer's transmission and distribution bill as long as any reduction applies only to customers that apply for a net energy billing arrangement in that calendar year.

An eligible customer that applies for a net energy billing arrangement by December 31, 2017 may continue with the net energy billing arrangement until December 31, 2032. An eligible customer that applies for a net energy billing arrangement after December 31, 2017 may continue with that net energy billing arrangement until the end of the calendar year that is 15 years from the year in which the customer applied for the net energy billing arrangement.

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1 Rules adopted or amended under this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title
2 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

3 Amend the amendment in section 3 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 34 in amendment) by
4 striking out the following: "2021" and inserting the following: '2019'

5 Amend the amendment in section 3 in the 5th line (page 2, line 36 in amendment) by
6 striking out the following: "rate designs" and inserting the following: 'alternative options'

7 Amend the amendment in section 3 in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 39 in
8 amendment) by striking out the following: "and application of cost causation principles in
9 rate design"

10 Amend the amendment in section 3 in the first indented paragraph in the 2nd line
11 (page 3, line 7 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "energy billing" the
12 following: 'and alternatives to net energy billing'

13 Amend the amendment in section 3 in the first indented paragraph in the 2nd line
14 (page 3, line 7 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "proceeding" the
15 following: 'that must be concluded by December 31, 2018'

16 Amend the amendment in section 3 in the first indented paragraph in the 5th line
17 (page 3, line 10 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "section 2" the following:
18 ', as well as all identifiable costs and benefits for participants and nonparticipants of any
19 alternative'

20 Amend the amendment in section 3 in the first indented paragraph by striking out all
21 of the last 2 sentences (page 3, lines 13 to 19 in amendment)

22 Amend the amendment in section 3 in the 2nd indented paragraph in the first line
23 (page 3, line 20 in amendment) by inserting before the following: "In" the following: 'In
24 the same or a separate adjudicatory proceeding, the commission shall also explore rate
25 design options that would be in the best interest of ratepayers and support the long-term,
26 sustainable development of distributed generation.'

27 Amend the amendment in section 3 in the 2nd indented paragraph in the 2nd and 3rd
28 lines (page 3, lines 21 and 22 in amendment) by striking out the following: "and the
29 Public Advocate," and inserting the following: ', the Public Advocate and others,'

30 Amend the amendment in section 3 by inserting after the 2nd indented paragraph a
31 new indented paragraph to read:

32 'For any recommendation made in the report, based on the adjudicatory proceeding or
33 proceedings, the commission shall quantify or estimate how the recommendation would
34 increase or decrease costs to ratepayers over both the short term and the long term and
35 how it is likely to affect solar installations. The commission shall address how the
36 recommendation compares to the current net energy billing practice in terms of effects on
37 ratepayers and the rate at which customer-sited solar photovoltaic installations are
38 occurring in the State.'

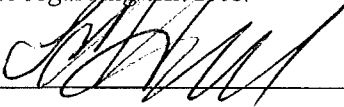
39 Amend the amendment in section 3 in the 3rd indented paragraph in the last line
40 (page 3, line 28 in amendment) by striking out the following: "130th" and inserting the
41 following: '129th'

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1 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
2 or section number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment to Committee Amendment "A" requires a net energy billing
5 customer that applies for a net energy billing arrangement by December 31, 2017 to
6 receive 100% of the net energy of an eligible facility for the customer's transmission and
7 distribution bill, a customer that applies for a net energy billing arrangement after
8 December 31, 2017 and by December 31, 2018 to receive 90% of the net energy of an
9 eligible facility for the customer's transmission and distribution bill and a customer that
10 applies for a net energy billing arrangement after December 31, 2018 and by December
11 31, 2019 to receive 80% of the net energy of an eligible facility for the customer's
12 transmission and distribution bill. It allows the Public Utilities Commission by rule to
13 reduce by up to 10% in any calendar year after December 31, 2019 the percentage of an
14 eligible customer's net energy that applies to that customer's transmission and
15 distribution bill as long as any reduction applies only to customers that apply for a net
16 energy billing arrangement in that calendar year. It specifies that an eligible customer that
17 applies for a net energy billing arrangement by December 31, 2017 may continue with the
18 net energy billing arrangement until the end of the calendar year in 2032 and that an
19 eligible customer that applies for a net energy billing arrangement after December 31,
20 2017 may continue with that net energy billing arrangement until the end of the calendar
21 year that is 15 years from the year in which the customer applied for the net energy
22 billing arrangement. It reduces from 200 to 100 the number of eligible customers that
23 may participate in a shared interest in an eligible facility or the number of meters
24 associated with a single shared interest in an eligible facility. It changes the date for a
25 report required to be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
26 jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters by the Public Utilities Commission from
27 January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2019 and it requires that the Public Utilities Commission
28 conclude an adjudicatory proceeding by December 31, 2018. This amendment also
29 removes changes made regarding exit fees.

30 **SPONSORED BY:** 
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