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Introduced by M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT, COLTON, MILLMAN, FINCH, MARKEY --  
Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. McDONOUGH -- read once and referred to  
the Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to providing for  
the inspection of residential electric generating equipment and  
providing grants for the installation and interconnection thereof

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (h) of section 1020-g of the public authorities  
2 law, as amended by chapter 355 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read  
3 as follows;  
4 (h) (I) To implement programs and policies designed to provide for the  
5 interconnection of: [(i)] (A) (1) solar electric generating equipment  
6 owned or operated by residential customers, [(B)] (2) farm waste elec-  
7 tric generating equipment owned or operated by customer-generators,  
8 [(C)] (3) solar electric generating equipment owned or operated by non-  
9 residential customers, [(D)] (4) micro-combined heat and power generat-  
10 ing equipment owned, leased or operated by residential customers, and  
11 [(E)] (5) fuel cell electric generating equipment owned, leased or oper-  
12 ated by residential customers, and for net energy metering consistent  
13 with section sixty-six-j of the public service law, to increase the  
14 efficiency of energy end use, to shift demand from periods of high  
15 demand to periods of low demand and to facilitate the development of  
16 cogeneration; and [(ii)] (B) wind electric generating equipment owned or  
17 operated by customer-generators and for net energy metering consistent  
18 with section sixty-six-l of the public service law.  
19 (II)(A) TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY QUALIFIED  
20 TO INSPECT THE INTERCONNECTION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF ELECTRIC GENER-  
21 ATING EQUIPMENT INSTALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES ADOPTED  
22 PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS SUBDIVISION WHEN THE CUSTOMER-GENERA-  
23 TOR RECEIVES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE AUTHORITY. ALL FINANCIAL

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ASSISTANCE BY THE AUTHORITY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND INTERCONNECTION OF  
2 ELECTRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE INSPECTION AND  
3 APPROVAL OF SUCH EQUIPMENT BY THE INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR.

4 (B) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE  
5 AUTHORITY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND INTERCONNECTION OF THE ELECTRIC  
6 GENERATING EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE  
7 AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE A GRANT OF NOT MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS  
8 FOR EACH INSPECTED AND APPROVED INSTALLATION.

9 S 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section  
10 1855-a to read as follows:

11 S 1855-A. INTERCONNECTION OF ELECTRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT. 1. THE  
12 AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS AND POLICIES DESIGNED  
13 FOR THE INTERCONNECTION OF:

14 (A)(I) SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT OWNED OR OPERATED BY RESI-  
15 DENTIAL CUSTOMERS, (II) FARM WASTE ELECTRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT OWNED  
16 OR OPERATED BY CUSTOMER-GENERATORS, (III) SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING  
17 EQUIPMENT OWNED OR OPERATED BY NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS, (IV)  
18 MICRO-COMBINED HEAT AND POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT OWNED, LEASED OR  
19 OPERATED BY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS, AND (V) FUEL CELL ELECTRIC GENERATING  
20 EQUIPMENT OWNED, LEASED OR OPERATED BY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS, AND FOR  
21 NET ENERGY METERING CONSISTENT WITH SECTION SIXTY-SIX-J OF THE PUBLIC  
22 SERVICE LAW, TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF ENERGY END USE, TO SHIFT  
23 DEMAND PERIODS FROM HIGH DEMAND TO PERIODS OF LOW DEMAND AND TO FACILI-  
24 TATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COGENERATION; AND

25 (B) WIND ELECTRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT OWNED OR OPERATED BY CUSTOMER-  
26 GENERATORS AND FOR NET ENERGY METERING CONSISTENT WITH SECTION  
27 SIXTY-SIX-L OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW.

28 2. (A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT  
29 ENTITY QUALIFIED TO INSPECT THE INTERCONNECTION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF  
30 ELECTRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT INSTALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROGRAMS AND  
31 POLICIES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION WHEN THE  
32 CUSTOMER-GENERATOR RECEIVES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE AUTHORITY. ALL  
33 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY THE AUTHORITY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND INTERCON-  
34 NECTION OF ELECTRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE  
35 INSPECTION AND APPROVAL OF SUCH EQUIPMENT BY THE INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR.

36 (B) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE  
37 AUTHORITY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND INTERCONNECTION OF THE ELECTRIC  
38 GENERATING EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, THE  
39 AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE A GRANT OF NOT MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS  
40 FOR EACH INSPECTED AND APPROVED INSTALLATION.

41 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
42 it shall have become a law; provided that, effective immediately, any  
43 actions necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effec-  
44 tive date are authorized and directed to be completed on or before such  
45 date.