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Introduced by M. of A. QUART -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRAUN-STEIN, LIFTON, OTIS, PERRY, RYAN, SANTABARBARA, SEPULVEDA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Energy

AN ACT to require the public service commission and the New York state energy research and development authority to ensure funds are available to fund programs assisting building owners with installing energy efficient improvements

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

1     Section 1. The public service commission and the New York state energy  
2     research and development authority shall ensure that not less than  
3     fifteen million dollars is made available for the purposes of funding  
4     programs to assist residential and multi-family building owners with  
5     installing improvements to heating and cooling systems with an emphasis  
6     on emissions reductions and increased efficiency. Heating and cooling  
7     improvement programs established pursuant to this section shall be  
8     designed to increase efficiency by at least ten percent or reduce fuel  
9     usage by at least ten percent and lead to a significant reduction in  
10    carbon emissions as defined by the authority guidelines, developed after  
11    consultation with the department of environmental conservation, provided  
12    that such projects shall have a return on investment of five years or  
13    less. Such improvements shall include, but shall not be limited to fuel  
14    oil to natural gas conversions or conversions to heating oil number two  
15    from heating oil number six or heating oil number four, through the  
16    installation of a high efficiency boiler or furnace, an improvement to  
17    and/or replacement of a burner in a boiler, or connecting to a district  
18    energy system as defined in this section. For purposes of this act, a  
19    district energy system connection shall mean facilities furnished,  
20    installed and maintained by a district energy customer required for the  
21    utilization of district service including, but not limited to, service  
22    stop valves, meter stop valves, primary and secondary service pressure

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

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1 reducing valves, meter supports and all piping between the point of  
2 service termination and the customer's utilization equipment, and any  
3 other improvement to a heating system that satisfies the criteria set  
4 forth in this section. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this  
5 section, for boilers that are regulated by the New York city department  
6 of environmental protection, the improvements must result in a signif-  
7 icant reduction of particulate matter that is two and one-half microns  
8 or less in width (commonly referred to as PM 2.5 emissions) of at least  
9 fifty percent.

10 S 2. The funding stream made available for programs as described in  
11 section one of this act may consist of monies derived from assessments  
12 on transmission and distribution companies under direct oversight of the  
13 commission collected on or after July 1, 2006 and monies collected by  
14 auctions administered under the regional greenhouse gas initiative or  
15 any other monies administered by the authority that may be available for  
16 such purpose.

17 S 3. The president of the New York state energy research and develop-  
18 ment authority shall provide additional definitions and guidelines for  
19 the eligibility of an improvement or project, which shall include defin-  
20 ing the parameters of what constitutes a significant reduction in carbon  
21 emissions for a single family or multiple family dwelling as well as any  
22 and all applicable standards, other than those enumerated in this act.

23 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.