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Introduced by M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT, COLTON, 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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (h) of section 1020-g of the public authorities
2 law, as amended by chapter 546 of the laws of 2011, 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
9 non-residential customers, [(D)] (4) micro-combined heat and power
10 generating equipment owned, leased or operated by residential customers,
11 [(E)] (5) fuel cell electric generating equipment owned, leased or oper-
12 ated by residential customers, and [(F)] (6) micro-hydroelectric gener-
13 ating equipment owned, leased or operated by customer-generators and for
14 net energy metering consistent with section sixty-six-j of the public
15 service law, to increase the efficiency of energy end use, to shift
16 demand from periods of high demand to periods of low demand and to
17 facilitate the development of cogeneration; and [(ii)] (B) wind electric
18 generating equipment owned or operated by customer-generators and for
19 net energy metering consistent with section sixty-six-l of the public
20 service law.
21 (II)(A) TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY QUALIFIED
22 TO INSPECT THE INTERCONNECTION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF ELECTRIC GENER-
23 ATING EQUIPMENT INSTALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES ADOPTED

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

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1 PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS SUBDIVISION WHEN THE CUSTOMER-GENERA-
2 TOR RECEIVES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE AUTHORITY. ALL FINANCIAL
3 ASSISTANCE BY THE AUTHORITY FOR THE INSTALLATION AND INTERCONNECTION OF
4 ELECTRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE INSPECTION AND
5 APPROVAL OF SUCH EQUIPMENT BY THE INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR.

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

11 S 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section
12 1855-a to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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