STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to installing solar canopies in certain parking facilitates

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 201-b to read as follows:

§ 201-b. Parking facilities; solar canopies. 1. a. Any parking garage, open parking lot or other parking facility owned and/or operated by the state of New York, that offers parking spaces for the purposes of public use, state employee use or pay-per-usage constructed prior to January first, two thousand twenty-eight, is hereby permitted and encouraged to install solar canopies in such facilities.

b. After January first, two thousand twenty-eight, any construction project undertaken in this state by the state where the scope of such project includes a parking garage, open parking lot or other parking facility that offers parking spaces for the purposes of public use, state employee use or pay-per-usage or includes a parking garage, open parking lot or other parking facility constructed by a private entity using state capital funding shall install solar canopies in such facilities.

2. For the purposes of this section, "solar canopy" shall mean a system designed to capture solar radiation for the purpose of producing usable energy.

3. The office of general services shall be responsible for the installation of any solar canopies or associated equipment; provided, however, if such parking facility is privately owned, such private owner shall be responsible for such installation. If the office of general services is

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

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unable to install such equipment, the state may contract with a licensed electrician or similar service provider. Such contracted work shall comply with the provisions of article eight of the labor law, including the payment of a wage of not less than the prevailing wage in the locality where such solar canopy is located.

4. The office of general services shall be responsible for the maintenance, general upkeep, and repair of any solar canopy or associated equipment installed by such office. If the office of general services is unable to complete such maintenance or repairs, the state may contract with a licensed electrician or similar repair service to complete the necessary work on said equipment.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.