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IN SENATE

January 3, 2024

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to directing the New York state energy research and development authority to take certain actions to increase awareness for geothermal energy systems

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

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 1885 to read as follows:

§ 1885. Geothermal energy systems. 1. The authority, in consultation with appropriate industries, shall develop basic consumer education or guidance about geothermal energy systems and shall develop business models for geothermal projects in the state to match equivalent programming and guidance for solar energy.

2. As used in this section, the term "geothermal energy system" shall mean a system that uses geothermal energy for water heating or space heating or cooling in a single building, for space heating for more than one building through a pipeline network, or for electricity generation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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