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Introduced by M. of A. PIROZZOLO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the state all-electric building plan

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. State all-electric building plan. 1. For purposes of this section, "all-electric building" means a building which has the capacity to run on one hundred percent electricity through the use of solar power, wind or other sources of zero-carbon electricity, and does not require nor contain infrastructure, building systems or equipment used for the combustion of fossil fuels such as oil, petroleum, natural gas, nuclear energy, uranium or coal.

2. The office of general services, in coordination with the New York state energy research and development authority and the department of environmental conservation, shall transition all buildings owned by the state to all-electric buildings within five years from the effective date of this section. Such transition of buildings shall include ensuring that all such buildings contain sufficient space, drainage, electrical conductors or raceways, bus bar capacity, and overcurrent protective devices in order to safely and efficiently run on one hundred percent electricity and shall also include the removal of all non-renewable energy infrastructure.

3. The state fire prevention and building code council shall promulgate guidelines for all-electric buildings in conjunction with the provisions of this section.

4. (a) The office of general services, in coordination with the New York state energy research and development authority and the department of environmental conservation, shall issue a report to the governor and

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

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the legislature on or before one year from the effective date of this section setting forth the office of general services' strategy for transitioning all buildings owned by the state to all-electric buildings.

(b) Such report shall include, at a minimum, a description of the state's strategies to transition all buildings owned by the state to all-electric buildings including a specific plan to procure and install necessary infrastructure for the transition to all-electric buildings. Such strategies shall include the expeditious review of policies and procedures identified as barriers to the transition of all buildings owned by the state to all-electric buildings and the revision of such policies and procedures as appropriate. The report shall also assess existing infrastructure, determine what changes are necessary to support a transition of all buildings owned by the state to all-electric buildings and recommend how best to implement such changes. The report shall assess factors including but not limited to the following: the availability and viability of existing or developing technology, public outreach and safety training, and insurance and liability considerations. The report shall also determine the number of state-owned buildings which are equipped with the necessary capacity to transition to an all-electric building immediately.

(c) Immediately after submission of the report required by this subdivision, the office of general services shall begin the process to implement the recommendations and strategies of such report.

5. The state fire prevention and building code council may permit any building which has transitioned to an all-electric building to contain systems for emergency back-up power, or may exempt certain state-owned buildings which are specifically designated for occupancy by a commercial food establishment, laboratory, laundromat, hospital, or crematorium from the provisions of this section, but in doing so shall seek to minimize emissions and maximize health, safety, and fire-protection.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.