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Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE HERMELYN, ZINERMAN, REYES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to creating a revolving loan fund through the New York state energy research and development authority for the purpose of building renewable and energy storage systems scaled to function as microgrids to power housing owned by the New York city housing authority

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "NYCHA
2 microgrids development and revolving loan act".

3 § 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section
4 1879-a to read as follows:

5 § 1879-a. NYCHA microgrid loan program. 1. The authority is hereby
6 authorized and directed to establish a revolving loan fund, subject to
7 available appropriations for such purpose, in order to provide zero-per-
8 cent interest loans to the New York city housing authority to finance
9 energy services from renewable solar energy systems, battery or other
10 zero emission technology storage systems and/or any other renewable
11 generation systems as defined in section sixty-six-p of the public
12 service law for the purpose of implementing any state clean energy stan-
13 dard, all of which are scaled to function as microgrids for housing
14 owned by the New York city housing authority. The authority, in cooper-
15 ation with the New York power authority, shall issue a competitive
16 request for proposals from project developers that are not subject to
17 cost of service ratemaking for the construction and installation of the
18 renewable solar energy systems, battery or other zero emission technolo-
19 gy storage systems and/or any other renewable generation systems as
20 defined in section sixty-six-p of the public service law that are scaled
21 to function as microgrids for New York city housing authority housing.
22 Such microgrid systems funded through this section shall be constructed

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

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1 with consideration given to increasing the demand for electricity caused
2 by the adoption of "beneficial electrification" policies proposed pursu-
3 ant to the climate leadership and community protection act.

4 2. Notwithstanding any policies, practices, or orders by the public
5 service commission to the contrary, if excess energy is generated
6 through the systems, this excess energy generated may be sold back to
7 the grid.

8 § 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as deemed
9 feasible and advisable by its trustees, the New York power authority is
10 authorized and directed to utilize a portion of its net income to
11 support the restoration of electricity, heat and hot water services to
12 tenants of the New York city housing authority and to provide energy
13 services, including but not limited to electricity, heating, venti-
14 lation, cooling, steam or hot water, to such tenants pursuant to energy
15 performance contracts, as defined by subdivision four of section 9-102
16 of the energy law, through a competitive procurement process.

17 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.