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AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing the mechanical insulation energy savings program

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

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

3 § 1885. Mechanical insulation energy savings program. 1. Definitions.  
4 For purposes of this section:

5 (a) "Applicant" shall mean any school district, public hospital,  
6 public housing building, or political subdivision as defined in the  
7 general municipal law, with a building or buildings that have a poten-  
8 tial need for mechanical insulation upgrades. The minimum size for any  
9 single building to be considered shall be twenty thousand square feet.

10 (b) "Mechanical insulation" shall mean insulation materials, facings  
11 and accessory products used for thermal requirements for mechanical  
12 piping and equipment, hot and cold applications, heating, ventilation,  
13 and air-conditioning applications.

14 (c) "Qualified audit" shall mean a mechanical insulation audit of a  
15 building by a qualified contractor, which identifies missing, damaged or  
16 improperly installed mechanical insulation. Such audit shall include an  
17 estimate of installation costs along with estimated energy and cost  
18 savings. Such audit shall be provided by the qualified contractor at no  
19 cost to the authority or applicant.

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

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1 (d) "Qualified mechanical insulation expenditures" shall mean the  
2 purchase of insulation materials, facings and accessory products used  
3 for thermal requirements for mechanical piping and equipment, hot and  
4 cold applications, and heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning appli-  
5 cations and all associated labor costs properly allocable to on-site  
6 preparation, assembly and original installation, so long as performed by  
7 a qualified contractor and in accordance with sections two hundred twen-  
8 ty, two hundred twenty-b and two hundred twenty-i of the labor law.

9 (e) "Qualified contractor" shall mean an insulation contractor that is  
10 party to an apprenticeship agreement, as defined in section eight  
11 hundred sixteen of the labor law, which is in good standing, appropriate  
12 for the type and scope of work to be performed, including the minimum  
13 American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engi-  
14 neers Standard 90.1-2007, providing the energy standard for buildings  
15 except low-rise residential buildings.

16 2. The authority is hereby authorized and directed to establish and  
17 administer a mechanical insulation energy savings program to provide  
18 applicants with qualified audits and grants to purchase mechanical insu-  
19 lation. The authority shall establish an audit process whereby an  
20 applicant may request a qualified audit. Such audit, if approved by the  
21 authority, shall be provided to the applicant at no cost.

22 3. As part of this program, the authority shall issue grants for  
23 applicants that have completed a qualified audit, which will cover one  
24 hundred percent of the qualified mechanical insulation expenditures.

25 4. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-  
26 ty shall establish rules and regulations and identify eligible funding  
27 to create the mechanical insulation energy savings program and create  
28 guidelines for preferred applicants, buildings and energy savings.

29 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.