

SENATE, No. 341

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits municipal zoning ordinances from regulating solar panels under certain circumstances; limits fees for certain renewable energy installations.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 the roofline or above the highest point of the roof surface or
2 structure; or

3 2) in the case of a surface level or ground mounted system, the
4 system consists of 10 or less photovoltaic panels and is situated
5 more than 50 feet from the nearest property boundary line.

6 Section 2 of the bill would provide that a municipal ordinance
7 regulating the installation of a photovoltaic solar energy system or
8 small wind energy system on residential property shall not require
9 payment of a fee that exceeds the municipality's costs for reviewing
10 and approving an application pertaining to the installation or
11 operation of a system. The purpose of section 2 of the bill is to
12 prevent municipalities from imposing excessive fees unrelated to
13 application and review costs because it is the State's policy to
14 encourage installation of photovoltaic solar energy systems
15 wherever possible in the State and to discourage actions that would
16 have a chilling effect on such installations.