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NJSA: 48:3-107 (Requires BPU to establish voluntary program for certification of renewable energy installers)

BILL NO: S344 (Substituted for A383)

SPONSOR(S): Bark and others

DATE INTRODUCED: January 10, 2006

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Telecommunications and Utilities
 SENATE: Economic Growth

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** January 7, 2008
 SENATE: January 7, 2008

DATE OF APPROVAL: January 13, 2008

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (Second reprint enacted)

S344

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

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[FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:](#) [Yes](#)

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 264, *approved January 13, 2008*
Senate, No. 344 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the installation of certain renewable energy
2 devices and supplementing Title 48 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Board of Public Utilities shall within 180 days of the
8 enactment of this act, establish a program for the certification of
9 persons who install Class I renewable energy devices in buildings.
10 Participation in this program shall be voluntary. ¹The board shall
11 require applicants for certification pursuant to this section to
12 ²provide evidence of a valid license from the Board of Examiners
13 of Electrical Contractors.¹ comply with all applicable licensing
14 and business permit requirements in the State of New Jersey.² As
15 used in this subsection, "Class I renewable energy devices" means
16 any system, mechanism, or series of mechanisms that produce
17 "Class I renewable energy," as that term is defined in section 3 of
18 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-51), primarily to provide heating, cooling,
19 or to produce electrical power.

20 b. The board shall establish a fee schedule to cover the costs of
21 the certification program established pursuant to this act.

22 c. The board shall, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure
23 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), adopt rules and
24 regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 Requires BPU to establish voluntary program for certification of
renewable energy installers.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
¹Assembly ATU committee amendments adopted March 6, 2006.
²Assembly floor amendments adopted December 13, 2007.

SENATE, No. 344

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator MARTHA W. BARK

District 8 (Burlington)

Senator DIANE B. ALLEN

District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

SYNOPSIS

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39 cultivated and harvested in a sustainable manner. The board is to
40 establish a fee schedule to cover the costs of the certification
41 program.

42 The board administers the "New Jersey Clean Energy Program"
43 which, in part, sponsors education, training and financial incentives
44 for the installation of Class I renewable energy systems. As the
45 board increases the amount of financial incentives for the
46 installation of such systems, it is possible that contractors without
47 the proper training and skills will be enticed to install these
48 systems.

ASSEMBLY TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND UTILITIES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 344

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 6, 2006

The Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 344.

As amended, this bill would require the Board of Public Utilities ("board") to establish a certification program for persons who install "Class I renewable energy" devices, and adopt rules and regulations necessary for its implementation. Participation in this program shall be voluntary. The bill directs the board to require applicants for the certification program to provide evidence of a valid license from the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors. As defined in the bill, "Class I renewable energy devices" means any system, mechanism, or series of mechanisms producing "Class I renewable energy," primarily to provide heating, cooling, or to produce electrical power. "Class I renewable energy," is defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-51) to mean electric energy that is produced from solar technologies, photovoltaic technologies, wind energy, fuel cells, geothermal technologies, wave or tidal action, and methane gas from landfills or a biomass facility, provided that the biomass is cultivated and harvested in a sustainable manner. The board is to establish a fee schedule to cover the costs of the certification program.

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As reported, this bill is identical to A-383 (1R) as reported on this date from committee.

The amendment adopted by the committee directs the board to require applicants for the certification program to provide evidence of a valid license from the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2006-2007 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 344

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Assemblywoman MCHOSE)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 13, 2007

This amendment deletes a provision in the bill concerning Electrical Contractor licensing and inserts a provision that applicants for certification shall comply with all applicable State licensing and business permit requirements.

This amendment clarifies the sponsor's intention to ensure that all parties that work on a project to install a renewable energy system have the appropriate State licenses and business permits.

ASSEMBLY, No. 383

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman LARRY CHATZIDAKIS

District 8 (Burlington)

Assemblywoman ALISON LITTELL MCHOSE

District 24 (Sussex, Hunterdon and Morris)

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