

SENATE BILL 369

By Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-21-106 and Title 66, relative to solar energy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 7, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Group of customers" means any unit or grouping of units with shared electrical infrastructure, such as a contained multi-housing unit, mixed-use facility, or commercial complex; and

(2) "Solar energy system" means any device, mechanism, structure, apparatus, or part thereof, whose primary purpose is to collect solar energy and convert and store it for useful purposes, including heating and cooling buildings or other energy-saving processes, or to produce generated power by means of any combination of collecting, transferring, or converting solar-generated energy.

(b) Notwithstanding the Solar Access Law of 1979, compiled in chapter 9, part 2 of this title, or other law to the contrary, a commercial or industrial customer or group of customers may:

(1) Enter into a lease under which the customer or group of customers pays for the use of a solar energy system; or

(2) Enter into a power purchase agreement (PPA) under which the customer or group of customers pays a specific rate for the electricity that is generated each month from a solar energy system.

(c) No more than one (1) commercial or industrial customer or group of customers may enter into a lease or PPA authorized by subsection (b).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.