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Introduced by Representatives Terenzini of Rutland Town, Beyor of Highgate,  
Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of  
Fair Haven, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly,  
Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Eastman of Orwell, Hebert of  
Vernon, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Juskiewicz of  
Cambridge, LaClair of Barre Town, Lefebvre of Newark, Lewis  
of Berlin, Marcotte of Coventry, Morrissey of Bennington,  
Myers of Essex, Parent of St. Albans City, Savage of Swanton,  
Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Van Wyck of  
Ferrisburgh

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Energy; land use; municipal planning and development; public  
service; solar generation; setbacks; screening

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow  
municipalities to adopt setback and screening requirements that apply to solar  
electric generation plants.

An act relating to setback and screening requirements for solar generation  
plants

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 4414(15) is added to read:

3 (15) Solar plants; setbacks; screening. Notwithstanding any contrary  
4 provision of section 4413 of this title or 30 V.S.A. chapter 5 or 89, a  
5 municipality may adopt bylaws that require a plant that generates electricity  
6 from solar energy to comply with setback and screening requirements. These  
7 requirements shall not prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the installation  
8 of such a plant and shall not have the effect of interfering with its intended  
9 functional use. In this section, “plant” shall have the same meaning as in  
10 30 V.S.A. § 8002 and “screening” includes landscaping, vegetation, fencing,  
11 and topographic features.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on passage.