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2 Introduced by Representatives Cheney of Norwich and Edwards of Brattleboro

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Taxation; property tax; exemptions; energy-efficiency improvements;  
6 renewable-energy improvements

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to provide a property tax exemption  
8 for the value added to property on which the owner makes energy-efficiency or  
9 renewable-energy improvements.

10 An act relating to property tax exemptions for energy-efficiency and  
11 renewable-energy improvements

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

13 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 3802 is amended to read:

14 § 3802. PROPERTY TAX

15 The following property shall be exempt from taxation:

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17 (17) That portion of the value of real or personal property attributable to  
18 an increase in the appraisal value due to the construction or installation of a  
19 qualified energy-efficiency improvement or a qualified renewable-energy  
20 improvement; and which improvement was not incorporated at the time of

1 original construction. The exemption granted under this subdivision shall  
2 terminate upon the first transfer of ownership of all or any portion of the parcel  
3 following the construction or installation of an improvement. For purposes of  
4 this subdivision, a “qualified energy-efficiency improvement” shall have the  
5 meaning set forth in Section 25C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
6 amended, and a “qualified renewable-energy improvement” shall mean:

7 (A) an improvement to heat water for use in a dwelling unit that is  
8 used as a residence by the taxpayer if at least one-half of the energy used by  
9 such property for such purpose is derived from the sun; or

10 (B) an improvement to allow the use of solar energy to generate  
11 electricity for use in a dwelling unit that is used as a residence by the  
12 taxpayer; or

13 (C) an improvement using a qualified fuel-cell power plant (as  
14 defined in Section 48(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended)  
15 to provide electricity to a dwelling unit that is used as a principal residence by  
16 the taxpayer.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall apply to grand lists on and after April 1, 2012.