

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to renewable energy; amending s. 377.803,
 3 F.S.; defining the term "net metering"; creating s.
 4 377.805, F.S.; providing a short title; directing the
 5 Public Service Commission to require all electric
 6 utilities to develop net metering programs; requiring
 7 electric utilities to make certain meters available to
 8 customers; providing for a customer to receive credit for
 9 electricity generated by renewable energy systems owned by
 10 the customer; providing eligibility criteria; authorizing
 11 the commission to adopt rules; providing an effective
 12 date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Subsections (5) through (10) of section
 17 377.803, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6)
 18 through (11), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to
 19 that section to read:

20 377.803 Definitions.--As used in ss. 377.801-377.806, the
 21 term:

22 (5) "Net metering" means a process by which an electric
 23 utility credits a customer at the full retail rate for
 24 electricity produced by one or more renewable energy systems
 25 generating more electricity than the customer consumes.

26 Section 2. Section 377.805, Florida Statutes, is created
 27 to read:

28 377.805 Electric utilities; net metering.--

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29 (1) This section may be cited as the "Florida Net Metering
30 Conservation Act."

31 (2) The commission shall require all electric utilities to
32 develop net metering programs that meet the requirements of this
33 subsection. The utilities shall make available to customers
34 reversible electric meters that subtract the amount of
35 electricity a customer generates from the amount of energy a
36 customer consumes. The customer shall receive credit at the full
37 retail rate for electricity generated by eligible renewable
38 energy systems. If the customer's system generates more energy
39 than the customer consumes during a billing cycle, the customer
40 shall pay only the basic charge for service and the excess
41 credit shall be carried forward to the following billing cycle.
42 Pursuant to s. 366.81, the utility may not discriminate in the
43 rate or rate structure on the basis of the customer-owned
44 renewable energy system.

45 (3) To be eligible to participate in the program, the
46 customer's system must use a renewable source of energy to
47 produce the electricity, must have an aggregate power output of
48 no more than 25 kilowatts single-phase or 100 kilowatts three-
49 phase, and must meet the safety and compatibility requirements
50 set by rule of the commission.

51 (4) The commission may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
52 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement and administer this section.

53 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.