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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Senator Bennett moved the following **amendment**:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 3405 and 3406,
insert:

Section 58. Section 377.806, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:

377.806 Solar Energy System Incentives Program.--

(1) PURPOSE.--The Solar Energy System Incentives Program is
established within the commission ~~department~~ to provide financial
incentives for the purchase and installation of solar energy
systems. Any resident of the state who purchases and installs a
new solar energy system of 2 kilowatts or larger for a solar
photovoltaic system, a solar energy system that provides at least
50 percent of a building's hot water consumption for a solar
thermal system, or a solar thermal pool heater, from July 1,

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2006, through June 30, 2010, is eligible for a rebate on a portion of the purchase price of that solar energy system.

(2) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM INCENTIVE.--

(a) Eligibility requirements.--A solar photovoltaic system qualifies for a rebate if:

1. The system is installed by a state-licensed master electrician, electrical contractor, or solar contractor.

2. The system complies with state interconnection standards as provided by the Florida Public Service Commission.

3. The system complies with all applicable building codes as defined by the Florida Building Code ~~local jurisdictional authority~~.

(b) Rebate amounts.--The rebate amount shall be set at \$4 per watt based on the total wattage rating of the system. The maximum allowable rebate per solar photovoltaic system installation shall be as follows:

1. Twenty thousand dollars for a residence.

2. One hundred thousand dollars for a place of business, a publicly owned or operated facility, or a facility owned or operated by a private, not-for-profit organization, including condominiums or apartment buildings.

(3) SOLAR THERMAL SYSTEM INCENTIVE.--

(a) Eligibility requirements.--A solar thermal system qualifies for a rebate if:

1. The system is installed by a state-licensed solar or plumbing contractor for the installation of standing seam hybrid thermal roofs, a roofing contractor.

2. The system complies with all applicable building codes as defined by the Florida Building Code ~~local jurisdictional authority~~.

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47 (b) Rebate amounts.--Authorized rebates for installation of
48 solar thermal systems shall be as follows:

49 1. Five hundred dollars for a residence.

50 2. Fifteen dollars per 1,000 Btu up to a maximum of \$5,000
51 for a place of business, a publicly owned or operated facility,
52 or a facility owned or operated by a private, not-for-profit
53 organization, including condominiums or apartment buildings. ~~Btu~~
54 ~~must be verified by approved metering equipment.~~

55 (4) SOLAR THERMAL POOL HEATER INCENTIVE.--

56 (a) Eligibility requirements.--A solar thermal pool heater
57 qualifies for a rebate if the system is installed by a state-
58 licensed solar or plumbing contractor and the system complies
59 with all applicable building codes as defined by the Florida
60 Building Code ~~local jurisdictional authority.~~

61 (b) Rebate amount.--Authorized rebates for installation of
62 solar thermal pool heaters shall be \$100 per installation.

63 (5) APPLICATION.--Application for a rebate must be made
64 within 120 ~~90~~ days after the purchase of the solar energy
65 equipment.

66 (6) REBATE AVAILABILITY.--The commission ~~department~~ shall
67 determine and publish on a regular basis the amount of rebate
68 funds remaining in each fiscal year. The total dollar amount of
69 all rebates issued ~~by the department~~ is subject to the total
70 amount of appropriations in any fiscal year for this program. If
71 funds are insufficient during the current fiscal year, any
72 requests for rebates received during that fiscal year may be
73 processed during the following fiscal year. Requests for rebates
74 received in a fiscal year that are processed during the following
75 fiscal year shall be given priority over requests for rebates
76 received during the following fiscal year.

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77 (7) RULES.--The commission ~~department~~ shall adopt rules
78 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to develop rebate
79 applications and administer the issuance of rebates.

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81 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

82 And the title is amended as follows:

83 Delete lines 231-236

84 and insert:

85 377.806, F.S., conforming provisions relating to the Solar
86 Energy System Incentives Program to changes made by this
87 act; requiring all eligible systems under the program to
88 comply with the Florida Building Code; revising rebate
89 eligibility requirements for solar thermal systems to
90 include the installation of certain products by roofing
91 contractors; creating s.