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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Gaetz moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 468 and 469

insert:

Section 5. Section 377.705, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

377.705 Solar Energy Center; development of solar energy standards.—

(1) SHORT TITLE.—This section ~~act shall be known and~~ may be cited as the "Solar Energy Standards Act" ~~of 1976~~.

(2) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—

(a) Because of increases in the cost of conventional fuel,



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13 certain applications of solar energy are becoming competitive,
14 particularly when life-cycle costs are considered. It is the
15 intent of the Legislature in formulating a sound and balanced
16 energy policy for the state to encourage the development of an
17 alternative energy capability in the form of incident solar
18 energy.

19 (b) Toward this purpose, the Legislature intends to provide
20 incentives for the production and sale of, and to set standards
21 for, solar energy systems. Such standards must ~~shall~~ ensure that
22 solar energy systems manufactured or sold within the state are
23 effective and represent a high level of quality of materials,
24 workmanship, and design.

25 (3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

26 (a) "Center" means ~~is defined as~~ the Florida Solar Energy
27 Center of the Board of Governors.

28 (b) "Solar energy systems" means ~~is defined as~~ equipment
29 that ~~which~~ provides for the collection and use of incident solar
30 energy for water heating, space heating or cooling, or other
31 applications that ~~which~~ normally require ~~or would require~~ a
32 conventional source of energy such as petroleum products,
33 natural gas, or electricity, and that ~~which~~ performs primarily
34 with solar energy. In ~~such other~~ systems in which solar energy
35 is used in a supplemental way, only those components that ~~which~~
36 collect and transfer solar energy are ~~shall be~~ included in this
37 definition.

38 (4) ~~FLORIDA SOLAR ENERGY CENTER TO SET STANDARDS, REQUIRE~~
39 ~~DISCLOSURE, SET TESTING FEES.—~~

40 (a) ~~The center shall develop and promulgate standards for~~
41 ~~solar energy systems manufactured or sold in this state based on~~



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42 ~~the best currently available information and shall consult with~~
43 ~~scientists, engineers, or persons in research centers who are~~
44 ~~engaged in the construction of, experimentation with, and~~
45 ~~research of solar energy systems to properly identify the most~~
46 ~~reliable designs and types of solar energy systems.~~

47 ~~(b)~~ The center shall select nationally-recognized standards
48 for solar energy systems and establish criteria for testing the
49 performance of solar energy systems and shall maintain the
50 necessary capability for testing or evaluating the performance
51 of solar energy systems. The center may accept results of tests
52 on solar energy systems made by other organizations, companies,
53 or persons when such tests are conducted according to the
54 criteria established by the center and when the testing entity
55 has no vested interest in the manufacture, distribution or sale
56 of solar energy systems.

57 ~~(5)(e)~~ FEES. The center shall charge ~~be entitled to receive~~
58 a testing fee sufficient to cover the costs of such testing. All
59 testing fees shall be transmitted by the center to the Chief
60 Financial Officer to be deposited in the Solar Energy Center
61 Testing Trust Fund, which is ~~hereby~~ created in the State
62 Treasury, and disbursed for the payment of expenses incurred in
63 testing solar energy systems.

64 ~~(6)(d)~~ All solar energy systems manufactured or sold in the
65 state must meet the nationally-recognized standards selected
66 ~~established~~ by the center and shall display accepted results of
67 approved performance tests in a manner prescribed by the center.

68 Section 6. The Florida Building Commission is directed to
69 make all changes to the building and energy codes necessary to
70 conform those rules to this bill.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 33

and insert:

begin and end on specified dates; amending s. 377.705,
F.S.; requiring the Solar Energy Center to charge testing fees;
directing the Florida Building Commission to make all changes to
the building and energy codes necessary to conform to this act;
amending s. 403.503,