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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to energy efficiency; amending s. 377.806,
 3 F.S.; reestablishing a period of time for which residents
 4 of the state are eligible to receive rebates for specified
 5 solar energy systems under the Solar Energy System
 6 Incentives Program; revising the rebate amount for
 7 eligible solar photovoltaic systems; providing a schedule
 8 for rebate amounts based on the total wattage of the
 9 system; revising the maximum allowable rebate amounts for
 10 solar photovoltaic systems; clarifying eligibility
 11 provisions for the installation of specified thermal
 12 roofs; revising provisions relating to the determination
 13 and publication of rebate availability information;
 14 providing for the issuance of specified rebates; providing
 15 appropriations for the Solar Energy System Incentives
 16 Program and the Low-income Emergency Home Repair Program;
 17 providing an effective date.

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

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 21 Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), (3), and (6) of section
 22 377.806, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

23 377.806 Solar Energy System Incentives Program.—

24 (1) PURPOSE.—The Solar Energy System Incentives Program is
 25 established within the commission to provide financial
 26 incentives for the purchase and installation of solar energy
 27 systems. Any resident of the state who purchases and installs a
 28 new solar energy system of 2 kilowatts or larger for a solar

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29 photovoltaic system, a solar energy system that provides at
 30 least 50 percent of a building's hot water consumption for a
 31 solar thermal system, or a solar thermal pool heater, from July
 32 1, 2011 ~~2006~~, through June 30, 2015 ~~2010~~, is eligible for a
 33 rebate on a portion of the purchase price of that solar energy
 34 system.

35 (2) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM INCENTIVE.—

36 (a) Eligibility requirements.—A solar photovoltaic system
 37 qualifies for a rebate if:

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

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

42 3. The system complies with all applicable building codes
 43 as defined by the Florida Building Code.

44 (b) Rebate amounts.—The rebate amount shall be set at
 45 \$2.50 ~~\$4~~ per watt for the first year, \$2 per watt for the second
 46 and third years, and \$1.50 per watt for each subsequent year,
 47 based on the total wattage rating of the system. The maximum
 48 allowable rebate per solar photovoltaic system installation
 49 shall be as follows:

50 1. Ten ~~Twenty~~ thousand dollars for a residence.

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

55 (3) SOLAR THERMAL SYSTEM INCENTIVE.—

56 (a) Eligibility requirements.—A solar thermal system

57 | qualifies for a rebate if:

58 | 1. The system is installed by a state-licensed solar or
 59 | plumbing contractor or, for the installation of a roofing
 60 | ~~contractor installing~~ standing seam hybrid thermal roofs, a
 61 | state-licensed roofing contractor.

62 | 2. The system complies with all applicable building codes
 63 | as defined by the Florida Building Code.

64 | (b) Rebate amounts.—Authorized rebates for installation of
 65 | solar thermal systems shall be as follows:

66 | 1. Five hundred dollars for a residence.

67 | 2. Fifteen dollars per 1,000 Btu up to a maximum of \$5,000
 68 | for a place of business, a publicly owned or operated facility,
 69 | or a facility owned or operated by a private, not-for-profit
 70 | organization, including condominiums or apartment buildings.

71 | (6) REBATE AVAILABILITY.—

72 | (a) The commission shall determine and publish on a
 73 | monthly regular basis the total number of rebates issued, the
 74 | amount of each rebate issued, the amount of rebate funds
 75 | remaining in the current ~~each~~ fiscal year, and a statement that
 76 | rebate applications will not be accepted after funds for the
 77 | current fiscal year are depleted.

78 | (b) The total dollar amount of all rebates issued is
 79 | subject to the total amount of appropriations in any fiscal year
 80 | for this program. If funds are insufficient during the current
 81 | fiscal year, any requests for rebates received during that
 82 | fiscal year may be processed during the following fiscal year.
 83 | Requests for rebates received in a fiscal year that are
 84 | processed during the following fiscal year shall be given

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85 priority over requests for rebates received during the following
86 fiscal year.

87 (c) Before accepting any new rebate applications or
88 issuing any new rebates, the commission shall issue rebates for
89 applications that were approved through June 30, 2010, but were
90 not paid due to insufficient funds. Such rebates shall be issued
91 in the order the applications were approved.

92 Section 2. (1) For the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the sum of
93 \$130 million in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the
94 General Revenue Fund to the Florida Energy and Climate
95 Commission for the purpose of administering the Solar Energy
96 System Incentives Program pursuant to s. 377.806, Florida
97 Statutes. The commission shall allocate \$30 million of such
98 funds to issue rebates for applications that were approved
99 through June 30, 2010, but were not paid due to insufficient
100 funds.

101 (2) For the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the sum of \$50 million
102 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue
103 Fund to the Department of Community Affairs for the purpose of
104 administering the Low-income Emergency Home Repair Program
105 pursuant to s. 420.36, Florida Statutes.

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