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SYNOPSIS

Requires battery energy storage system facilities to affix cautionary signage to facility entrances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning cautionary signage at battery energy storage
2 system facilities and supplementing Title 13 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. As used in this section:

9 “Battery energy storage system” means an electrochemical
10 device or system of devices that are capable of absorbing and
11 storing electrical energy and discharging such energy at a later time
12 to provide for the discharge or production of one megawatt-hour or
13 more of electrical energy.

14 “Battery energy storage system facility” or “facility” means a
15 facility that is used to produce, manufacture, assemble, store, or
16 host a battery energy storage system.

17 “Department” means the Department of Environmental
18 Protection.

19 “First responder” means a law enforcement officer, paid or
20 volunteer firefighter, paid or volunteer member of a duly
21 incorporated first aid, emergency, ambulance, or rescue squad
22 association, or any other individual who, in the course of that
23 individual's employment, is dispatched to the scene of an
24 emergency situation for the purpose of providing medical care or
25 other assistance.

26 “Battery sign” or “sign” means the sign developed and produced
27 by the department pursuant to subsection b. of this section that is
28 required to be affixed to each entrance point of a battery energy
29 storage system facility pursuant subsection d. of this section.

30 b. No later than one year after the effective date of this section,
31 the Department of Environmental Protection shall:

32 (1) develop and produce a battery sign to be affixed to all
33 entrance points of a facility that has an on-site battery energy
34 storage system; and

35 (2) develop a procedure for the distribution of the signs to
36 facilities throughout the State.

37 c. The sign developed by the department pursuant to subsection
38 b. of this section shall include, at a minimum:

39 (1) a symbol to represent the presence of an on-site battery
40 energy storage system, to be developed by the department;

41 (2) a statement that reads: “WARNING –BATTERY ENERGY
42 STORAGE SYSTEM;”

43 (3) any symbols that demonstrate the potential dangers or
44 hazards associated with battery energy storage systems, as
45 determined by the department;

46 (4) formatting that ensures the sign is legible and easy to
47 understand; and

48 (5) any other information the department deems necessary.

1 d. The purpose of the sign developed and produced by the
2 department pursuant to subsection b. of this section shall be to
3 notify first responders, upon entry into a facility, of the presence of
4 an on-site battery energy storage system and the potential dangers
5 associated with battery energy storage systems.

6 e. Beginning 18 months after the effective date of this section,
7 the owner or operator of a battery energy storage system facility
8 shall affix the sign developed and produced by the department
9 pursuant to subsection b. of this section to each entrance point of
10 the facility in a manner determined by the department.

11 f. Beginning 18 months after the effective date of this section,
12 an owner or operator of a battery energy storage system facility who
13 violates the provisions of subsection e. of this section shall be
14 subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$250
15 for each offense. State and local law enforcement shall have
16 exclusive authority to enforce this section and the penalty imposed
17 shall be collected and enforced by summary proceedings under the
18 "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10
19 et seq.). If the violation is of a continuing nature, each day during
20 which the violation continues shall constitute an additional,
21 separate, and distinct offense. The Superior Court and the
22 municipal court shall have jurisdiction of proceedings for the
23 enforcement of the penalty provided by this section. Any penalty
24 recovered under this section shall be retained by the enforcing
25 government entity.

26 g. Upon the effective date of this section, an owner or operator
27 of a battery energy storage system facility shall notify local
28 emergency response units of the presence of an on-site battery
29 energy storage system so that the facilities can be incorporated in
30 local emergency response units' plans and protocols.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

33 34 35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill would require, no later than one year after the bill's
38 effective date, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
39 to: (1) develop and produce a battery energy storage system sign to
40 be affixed to all entrance points of a battery energy storage system
41 facility that has an on-site battery energy storage system; and (2)
42 develop a procedure for the distribution of the signs to battery
43 energy storage facilities throughout the State. The purpose of the
44 sign developed by the DEP pursuant to the bill is to notify first
45 responders, upon entry into a battery energy storage system facility,
46 of the presence of an on-site battery energy storage system and the
47 potential dangers associated with battery energy storage systems.

1 The bill would require, beginning 18 months after the bill's
2 effective date, the owner or operator of a battery energy storage
3 system facility to affix the sign developed by the DEP pursuant to
4 the bill to each entrance point of the facility in a manner determined
5 by the DEP. Beginning 18 months after the bill's effective date, an
6 owner or operator of a battery energy storage system facility who
7 violates the bill's provisions by failing to affix the required sign to
8 each facility entrance would be subject to a civil penalty of not less
9 than \$100 nor more than \$250 for each offense. In the case of a
10 continuing violation, each day during which the violation continues
11 would constitute an additional, separate, and distinct offense.

12 In addition, this bill would require, upon the bill's effective date,
13 the owner or operator of a battery energy storage system facility to
14 notify local emergency response units of the presence of an on-site
15 battery energy storage system so that the battery energy storage
16 system facilities can be incorporated in local emergency response
17 units' plans and protocols.