

HB5932



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 687/6-3

Amends the Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Coal Resources Development Law of 1997. Provides that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity must develop a program to promote renewable energy and net metering options in the State.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and
5 Coal Resources Development Law of 1997 is amended by changing
6 Section 6-3 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 687/6-3)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 12, 2015)

9 Sec. 6-3. Renewable energy resources program.

10 (a) The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, to
11 be called the "Department" hereinafter in this Law, shall
12 administer the Renewable Energy Resources Program to provide
13 grants, loans, and other incentives to foster investment in and
14 the development and use of renewable energy resources.

15 (b) The Department shall establish eligibility criteria
16 for grants, loans, and other incentives to foster investment in
17 and the development and use of renewable energy resources.
18 These criteria shall be reviewed annually and adjusted as
19 necessary. The criteria should promote the goal of fostering
20 investment in and the development and use, in Illinois, of
21 renewable energy resources.

22 (c) The Department shall accept applications for grants,
23 loans, and other incentives to foster investment in and the

1 development and use of renewable energy resources.

2 (d) To the extent that funds are available and
3 appropriated, the Department shall provide grants, loans, and
4 other incentives to applicants that meet the criteria specified
5 by the Department.

6 (e) The Department shall conduct an annual study on the use
7 and availability of renewable energy resources in Illinois.
8 Each year, the Department shall submit a report on the study to
9 the General Assembly. This report shall include suggestions for
10 legislation which will encourage the development and use of
11 renewable energy resources.

12 (e-5) The Department must develop a program to promote
13 renewable energy and net metering options in the State in
14 conjunction with the grant opportunities available through the
15 Department under this Section.

16 (f) As used in this Law, "renewable energy resources"
17 includes energy from wind, solar thermal energy, photovoltaic
18 cells and panels, dedicated crops grown for energy production
19 and organic waste biomass, hydropower that does not involve new
20 construction or significant expansion of hydropower dams, and
21 other such alternative sources of environmentally preferable
22 energy. "Renewable energy resources" does not include,
23 however, energy from the incineration, burning or heating of
24 waste wood, tires, garbage, general household, institutional
25 and commercial waste, industrial lunchroom or office waste,
26 landscape waste, or construction or demolition debris.

1 (g) There is created the Energy Efficiency Investment Fund
2 as a special fund in the State Treasury, to be administered by
3 the Department to support the development of technologies for
4 wind, biomass, and solar power in Illinois. The Department may
5 accept private and public funds, including federal funds, for
6 deposit into the Fund.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-793, eff. 5-19-06.)