
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to
Original House Bill No. 655 by Representative Coussan

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 5, after "permit to" and before "operate" insert "construct or"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 2, line 27, after "construct" and before "operate" change "and" to "or"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 3, delete lines 17 through 19 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

7 "(iii) The estimated cost of site closure and remediation that includes the
8 estimated cost of removing the solar power generation facility and associated
9 infrastructure from the property and restoring the property to as near as reasonably
10 possible to the condition of the property prior to the commencement of construction
11 of the facility. The secretary shall adjust the estimated cost based upon any updated
12 decommissioning plan submitted pursuant to Paragraph (D)(2) of this Section. Any
13 increase in the amount of financial security required shall be secured by the permit
14 holder within thirty days of notification of the increase."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 4

16 On page 4, at the beginning of line 1, after "D." insert "(1)"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 5

18 On page 4, line 4, after "collect" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 5 through
19 8 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

20 "the following fees:
21 (a) An application fee not to exceed fifty dollars per acre of the solar power
22 generation facility footprint.
23 (b) An application processing fee not to exceed five hundred dollars.
24 (c) An annual monitoring and maintenance fee beginning the year after
25 issuance of the permit and every year thereafter not to exceed fifty dollars per
26 acre of the facility footprint.
27 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Paragraph, no applicant or permit
28 holder shall be charged a fee that exceeds the department's budgeted costs of
29 implementing and administering the provisions of this Section for the fiscal year in
30 which the fee is charged.
31 (2) Any application for a permit"

32 AMENDMENT NO. 6

33 On page 4, delete line 12 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

34 "updated every five years after the initial submission. All submitted plans shall be
35 reviewed for sufficiency by the department and approved by the secretary.
36 (3) Any power generation facility in construction or operating before August
37 1, 2022, shall register with the department and pay the annual monitoring and
38 maintenance fee provided for in this Subsection. Beginning January 1, 2024, such

1 facilities shall be in compliance with this Section and any rules and regulations
2 promulgated pursuant to this Section, including obtaining financial security and
3 submitting a decommissioning plan.
4 (4) All the monies collected from the fees"