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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Byrd offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 17 and 18, insert:

Section 1. Section 163.3205, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

163.3205 Solar facility approval process.-

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage renewable solar electrical generation throughout this state. It is essential that solar facilities and associated electric infrastructure be constructed and maintained in various locations throughout this state in order to ensure the availability of renewable energy production, which is critical

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14 to this state's energy and economic future.

15 (2) As used in this section, the term "solar facility"
16 means a production facility for electric power which:

17 (a) Uses photovoltaic modules to convert solar energy to
18 electricity that may be stored on site, delivered to a
19 transmission system, and consumed primarily offsite.

20 (b) Consists principally of photovoltaic modules, a
21 mounting or racking system, power inverters, transformers,
22 collection systems, battery systems, fire suppression equipment,
23 and associated components.

24 (c) May include accessory administration or maintenance
25 buildings, electric transmission lines, substations, energy
26 storage equipment, and related accessory uses and structures.

27 (3) A solar facility shall be a permitted use in all
28 agricultural land use categories in a local government
29 comprehensive plan and all agricultural zoning districts within
30 an unincorporated area and must comply with the setback and
31 landscaped buffer area criteria for other similar uses in the
32 agricultural district.

33 (4) A county may adopt an ordinance specifying buffer and
34 landscaping requirements for solar facilities. Such requirements
35 may not exceed the requirements for similar uses involving the
36 construction of other facilities that are permitted uses in
37 agricultural land use categories and zoning districts.

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Remove line 2 and insert:
An act relating to renewable energy; creating s.
163.3205, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining
the term "solar facility"; providing that solar
facilities are a permitted use in local government
comprehensive plan agricultural land use categories
and certain agricultural zoning districts; requiring
solar facilities to comply with specified criteria;
authorizing counties to adopt ordinances that meet
certain requirements; amending s.

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