

HOUSE BILL NO. 257

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: House Special Committee on Energy, Community and Regional Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the regulation of residential solar energy generation and portable**
2 **solar generation devices."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 42.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 42.05.323. Portable solar generation devices.** (a) A portable solar
6 generation device is exempt from utility interconnection and net metering program
7 requirements adopted by the commission if the device

8 (1) has a maximum power output of not more than 1,200 watts;

9 (2) meets the standards of the most recent version of the National
10 Electrical Code; and

11 (3) is certified by Underwriters Laboratories or an equivalent
12 nationally recognized testing laboratory.

13 (b) An electric utility may not require a customer using a portable solar
14 generation device that meets the requirements of (a) of this section to

1 (1) obtain the electric utility's approval before installing or using the
2 device;

3 (2) pay a fee or charge related to the device; or

4 (3) install additional controls or equipment beyond what is integrated
5 into the device.

6 (c) An electric utility is not liable for any damage or injury caused by a
7 portable solar generation device that meets the requirements in (a) of this section.

8 (d) In this section, "portable solar generation device" means a moveable
9 photovoltaic generation device that is designed to be

10 (1) connected to a building's electrical system through a standard 120-
11 volt alternating current outlet; and

12 (2) used primarily to offset part of an electric utility customer's
13 electricity consumption.