

SB3953



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 2/6/2026, by Sen. Erica Harriss

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/5-12025 new

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county board may not allow a person to construct a commercial solar energy facility within the county unless the person has purchased a surety bond from the Environmental Protection Agency or the county that is sufficient to pay for the deconstruction of the commercial solar energy facility and any environmental damage caused by the construction and operation of the commercial solar energy facility.

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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 Counties Code is amended by adding Section
5 5-12025 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/5-12025 new)

7 Sec. 5-12025. Surety bond for commercial solar energy
8 facilities.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "commercial solar energy
10 facility" has the meaning given to that term in Section
11 5-12020.

12 (b) A county board may not allow a person to construct a
13 commercial solar energy facility within the county unless the
14 person has purchased a surety bond from the Environmental
15 Protection Agency or the county that is sufficient to pay for
16 the deconstruction of the commercial solar energy facility and
17 any environmental damage caused by the construction and
18 operation of the commercial solar energy facility.

19 (c) The county board or the Environmental Protection
20 Agency shall determine the amount of the surety bond necessary
21 to comply with this Section on a case-by-case basis. The
22 county board or the Environmental Protection Agency shall
23 consider the size of the commercial solar energy facility when

1 determining the amount of the surety bond that a person
2 seeking to construct a commercial solar energy facility must
3 purchase.