

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 HB5105

Introduced 2/18/2020, by Rep. Daniel Didech

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

765 ILCS 165/23 new

Amends the Homeowners' Energy Policy Statement Act. Provides that no political subdivision may place any restriction, either directly or indirectly, on the installation or use of a solar energy system unless the restriction: serves to preserve or protect public health or safety; or does not significantly decrease its production or efficiency. Limits home rule powers. Effective immediately.

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HOME RULE NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

AN ACT concerning civil law. 1

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

- 4 Section 5. The Homeowners' Energy Policy Statement Act is 5 amended by adding Section 23 as follows:
- (765 ILCS 165/23 new) 6

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- 7 Sec. 23. Authority to restrict solar energy system. No unit of local government, including a home rule unit of local 8 9 government, may place any restriction, either directly or indirectly, on the installation or use of a solar energy 10 system, as defined in Section 10, unless the restriction: 11
- 12 (1) serves to preserve or protect public health or 13 safety; or
- 14 (2) does not significantly decrease the production or efficiency of the solar energy system. 15

A home rule unit may not regulate the installation of solar energy systems in a manner more restrictive than the regulation by the State of the installation of solar energy systems under this Act. This Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of 20 Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the 21 concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and functions 22 exercised by the State.

- 1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 2 becoming law.