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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 12, 1984

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An
2 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying
3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing
4 taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment,
5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing
6 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and
7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain
8 employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations
9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and
10 penalties," providing a credit for solar energy.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as
14 the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding a section to
15 read:

16 Section 362. Solar Energy Credits.--For the tax year
17 beginning in 1984, any person who is subject to the tax imposed

1 by this article shall be entitled to a credit against such tax
2 liability in an amount equal to forty per cent of the amount
3 expended up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the
4 installation of an active or passive solar-powered heating or
5 cooling system in a principal residence. If a credit exceeds an
6 individual's tax liability, he shall be allowed to carry the
7 credit forward until the credit is exhausted, but in no event
8 shall the credit be extended over more than six years. To
9 qualify as a "passive solar system," the system must have all of
10 the following: solar collector area, absorber, storage mass,
11 heat distribution system and heat regulation device; however,
12 excluded from the cost of installation are the cost of materials
13 that serve a significant structural function.

14 Section 2. Section 401(3) 1. of the act is amended by adding
15 a paragraph to read:

16 Section 401. Definitions.--The following words, terms, and
17 phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meaning
18 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
19 clearly indicates a different meaning:

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21 (3) "Taxable income." 1. * * *

22 (n) For the tax year beginning in 1984, and for subsequent
23 years, a credit shall be allowed against taxable income in an
24 amount equal to fifteen per cent of the amount expended for the
25 installation of an active or passive solar-powered heating or
26 cooling system in a place of business.

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.