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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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AND COSTA, JANUARY 30, 2013

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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, JANUARY 30, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 9, 2008 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1),  
2 entitled "An act providing for alternative sources of energy;  
3 establishing the Alternative Energy Development Program, the  
4 Consumer Energy Program, the Home Energy Efficiency Loan  
5 Program, the Home Energy Efficiency Loan Fund and the  
6 Alternative Energy Production Tax Credit Program; and  
7 providing for the powers and duties of the Department of  
8 Environmental Protection," providing for the definition of  
9 "residential building"; and further providing for the  
10 Commonwealth Financing Authority.

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

13 Section 1. Section 102 of the act of July 9, 2008 (1st  
14 Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Alternative Energy  
15 Investment Act, is amended by adding a definition to read:  
16 Section 102. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
18 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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21 "Residential building." A building containing at least one

1 dwelling unit occupied by at least one tenant.

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3 Section 2. Section 307(b) and (c) of the act are amended to  
4 read:

5 Section 307. Commonwealth Financing Authority.

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7 (b) Renewables.--The sum of [\$25,000,000] \$15,000,000 shall  
8 be allocated by the authority for loans or grants to projects  
9 related to geothermal technologies, including geothermal heat  
10 pump systems that use the ground, groundwater and underground  
11 mine water as a thermal energy source, or wind energy projects,  
12 including manufacturing facilities for wind turbines and other  
13 energy components.

14 (c) High performance buildings.--

15 (1) The sum of \$25,000,000 shall be allocated by the  
16 authority for loans or grants to one of the following to meet  
17 energy efficient standards under paragraph (2):

18 (i) A [small] business, including a small business,  
19 for the construction or renovation of a building for the  
20 use of [the small] a business.

21 (ii) An individual for the construction or  
22 renovation of a dwelling if the individual does or will  
23 occupy the dwelling as his primary residence.

24 (iii) A business, including a small business, or an  
25 individual for the construction or renovation of a  
26 residential building.

27 (2) The Department of General Services shall adopt  
28 standards for the certification of a high performance  
29 building under this act, to include the following:

30 (i) Establishing high performance, nationally

1 recognized categories to achieve the following:

2 (A) Optimize the energy performance of  
3 buildings.

4 (B) Increase the use of and demand for  
5 environmentally preferable building materials,  
6 furnishings and finishes.

7 (C) Improve environmental quality and conserve  
8 natural resources in this Commonwealth.

9 (D) Select appropriate sites.

10 (E) Reduce pollutants and waste generation.

11 (F) Other criteria as required by the Department  
12 of General Services.

13 (ii) Requiring documentation to substantiate  
14 compliance with the guidelines.

15 (iii) Requiring third-party, postconstruction review  
16 and verification.

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18 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.