

## SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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### SB 308 Energy Conservation by Senator Constantine

Revises provisions authorizing the use of solar collectors and includes condominiums in such provisions. Revises provisions relating to rebates provided under the Solar Energy System Incentives Program.

Revises provisions relating to the renewable energy source property tax exemption, the sales tax exemption on equipment, machinery, and other materials for renewable energy technologies, and the renewable energy production tax credit. Revises provisions relating to the renewable energy technologies investment tax credit and authorizes transferability of such credit.

Establishes the energy-efficient motor vehicle sales tax refund. Provides that any person who purchases an alternative motor vehicle is eligible for a sales tax refund if the vehicle is certified as a new qualified vehicle by the IRS for the income tax credit for alternative motor vehicles. Requires the Department of Management Services (DMS) to conduct an inventory and determine the percentage of motor vehicles in current use and purchased with state funds which are flexible fuel or hybrid vehicles. Requires the DMS to purchase such vehicles over the next 3 years to increase the percentage of such vehicles in the state's inventory to 50 percent.

Renames the "Florida Energy Conservation in Buildings Act of 1974" as the "Florida Energy Conservation and Sustainable Buildings Act" and revises certain provisions of the act. Requires state agencies to compile a list of all state-owned buildings in their inventory which are suitable for a guaranteed energy performance savings contract. Revises provisions relating to guaranteed energy performance savings contracts with qualified providers to reduce the energy consumption or energy-related operating costs of public facilities. Requires certain state-owned buildings to meet sustainable building ratings. Extends to 20 years the period of time allowed for the repayment of funds for certain purchases relating to energy conservation measures. Requires that all county, municipal, and public community college buildings meet certain energy rating systems approved by the Department of Management Services.

Designates October 6-12, 2008, and March 2-8, 2009, as "Energy Efficiency and Conservation Weeks" and provides a sales tax exemption for such weeks on the sale of specified new energy-efficient products having a selling price of \$1,500 or less per product. Designates the month of October of every year as "Energy Efficiency and Conservation Month."

Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to establish state gas inventories of all major greenhouse gases emitted to and removed from the atmosphere and forecast such gases emitted and removed in order to provide for analysis and planning.

Creates the Farm-to-Fuel Advisory Council within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DOACS) to provide advice and council to the Commissioner of Agriculture concerning production of renewable energy. Nullifies the future repeal of the Farm-to-Fuel Grants Program.

Creates the Biofuel Retail Sales Incentives Program within the DOACS to encourage the retail sale of biofuels and replace petroleum consumption by certain percentages over specified periods.

Establishes the Biofuel Production Incentives Program within the DOACS to encourage the development and expansion of facilities that produce biofuels from crops, agricultural waste and residues, and other biomass produced in this state by providing economic incentives.

Creates the Florida Energy, Aerospace, and Technology Fund (F.E.A.T.) within the Executive Office of the Governor to encourage business and investment opportunities and identify performance goals for investments in the areas of alternative energy development and production infrastructure.

Requires that by January 1, 2009, a minimum of 20 percent of diesel fuel purchases for use by school districts shall be biodiesel. (See bill for details)