

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 1178

Renewable Energy Technologies and Energy Efficiency
by Senator Dockery

Cites this act as the "Florida Net Metering Incentive Act."

Defines "net metering" as a process by which an electric utility credits a customer at the full retail rate for electricity produced by one or more renewable energy systems generating more electricity than the customer consumes.

Establishes the Net Metering Incentive Program within the Department of Environmental Protection to provide consumers with an incentive to use renewable energy technologies by increasing the value of the energy they create.

Requires the electric utilities to develop net metering programs, and to make available to customers, reversible electric meters that subtract the amount of electricity a customer generates from the amount of energy a customer consumes.

Provides for an "Energy-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday" from 12:01 a.m., October 5, 2008, through midnight, October 14, 2008. (See bill for details)