

SENATE BILL 157

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO UTILITIES; ALLOWING FOR THE USE OF PORTABLE SOLAR  
GENERATION DEVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Utility Act is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] PORTABLE SOLAR GENERATION DEVICES.--

A. As used in this section, "portable solar  
generation device" means a movable photovoltaic generation  
device that:

(1) has a maximum power output of not more  
than one thousand nine hundred twenty watts;

(2) is designed to connect directly to the  
electrical system of a building using a one hundred twenty volt  
alternating current standard electrical outlet;

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1 (3) is used to offset the on-site electricity  
2 consumption of the owner or operator of the portable solar  
3 generation device;

4 (4) includes a device or feature that prevents  
5 the device from energizing a building's electrical system or  
6 backfeeding into a utility's system during a power outage;

7 (5) meets the standards of the New Mexico  
8 electrical code adopted by the construction industries  
9 commission; and

10 (6) is certified by a nationally recognized  
11 testing laboratory.

12 B. An owner or operator of a portable solar  
13 generation device is exempt from interconnection and  
14 net-metering requirements, regardless of whether the owner or  
15 operator is served by a public utility. Any electricity  
16 generated by the portable solar generation device that flows  
17 onto the utility's system shall be considered non-compensated  
18 energy.

19 C. A public utility shall not require an owner or  
20 operator of a portable solar generation device to:

21 (1) obtain the public utility's approval  
22 before installing or using a portable solar generation device;

23 (2) provide notification or registration for  
24 the use of a portable solar generation device;

25 (3) pay a fee or charge related to the

1 portable solar generation device or the electricity the  
2 portable solar generation device feeds into a building's  
3 electrical system; or

4 (4) install additional controls or equipment  
5 beyond what is integrated into the portable solar generation  
6 device.

7 D. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-18-32  
8 NMSA 1978, a covenant, restriction or condition contained in an  
9 instrument affecting the transfer, sale or use, or an interest  
10 in real property that effectively prohibits the installation or  
11 use, of a portable solar generation device is void and  
12 unenforceable."

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