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DEANGELO BILL REQUIRING ALL NEW STATE BUILDINGS TO HAVE SOLAR OR GEOTHERMAL ENERGY SYSTEMS ADVANCES

(TRENTON) – Legislation Assemblyman Wayne P. DeAngelo sponsored to require all new state buildings to have solar or geothermal energy systems was released today by an Assembly panel.

Under the bill (A-3701), all newly planned state buildings would be required to be designed with systems powered by solar and geothermal energy sources to provide all or a portion of the building's heating, cooling or electricity.

“Ensuring new state construction includes renewable energy sources will have the dual benefit of improving the environment while providing savings to taxpayers through reduced energy costs,” said DeAngelo (D-Mercer/Middlesex). “As a leader is promoting alternative energy in the private sector, it's time state government joins in the process of greening our buildings.”

Direct use of geothermal energy can provide savings of as much as 80 percent over traditional fuel costs. Solar technologies diversify the energy supply, reduce the country's dependence on imported fuels, improve air quality and offset greenhouse gas emissions.

“President Obama has committed the nation to investing in clean energy and we should put New Jersey in the front of the line,” said DeAngelo. “We must join the administration in creating ‘green’ jobs, ending our dependence on fossil fuels and making the environment cleaner and greener for future generations.”

The bill also is sponsored by Assemblyman David Rible (R-Monmouth).

The Assembly State Government Committee released the bill 4-0, with no abstentions.. It now goes to the Assembly Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

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