

An Act relative to community solar energy systems.

SECTION 1. Clause forty-fifth of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Any community solar energy system, which for the purposes of this section shall be defined as a solar powered system or device or a combination of solar powered systems or devices collectively owned by local residents, ~~nonprofit organizations~~ or nonutility businesses that is placed on a property owned by a cooperating local ~~property owner, resident,~~ nonprofit organization or nonutility business for the purpose of heating or otherwise supplying no more than 125 per cent of the annual energy needs of each of the owners of said system or device; ~~provided, however, that (i) said ownership units must be equal to or less than 100 kilowatts each, (ii) the system in its entirety must be~~ designated as a ~~community solar project by the~~ Massachusetts clean energy technology center established pursuant to chapter 23I, ~~and (iii) the~~ owner of a community solar energy system unit shall receive an exemption in proportion to his or her share of the system as determined by the proportion of energy generated for use by said owner.

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