**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 58‑40‑20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO NET ENERGY METERING, TO PROVIDE THAT SOLAR CHOICE METERING REQUIREMENTS SHALL REDUCE ANY COST SHIFT OR SUBSIDIZATION ASSOCIATED WITH NET METERING WHILE AVOIDING ANY DISRUPTION TO THE MARKET FOR CUSTOMER-SCALE DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROHIBITION ON COST RECOVERY FOR LOST REVENUES ASSOCIATED WITH CUSTOMER-GENERATORS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. A. Section 58‑40‑20(A)(3) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(3) require the commission to establish solar choice metering requirements that fairly allocate costs and benefits to ~~eliminate~~ reduce any cost shift or subsidization associated with net metering, to the greatest extent practicable, while avoiding any disruption to the growing market for customer-scale distributed energy resources.”

B.Section 58‑40‑20(G)(1) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(1) ~~eliminate~~ reduce any cost shift to the greatest extent practicable on customers who do not have customer‑sited generation while also ensuring access to customer‑generator options for customers who choose to enroll in customer‑generator programs; and”

C.Section 58‑40‑20(I) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(I) Nothing in this section, however, prohibits an electrical utility from continuing to recover distributed energy resource program costs in the manner and amount approved by Commission Order No. 2015‑194 for customer‑generators applying before June 1, 2021. Such recovery shall remain in place until full cost recovery is realized. Except as otherwise allowed for energy-efficiency programs approved by the commission, electrical ~~Electrical~~ utilities are prohibited from recovering lost revenues associated with customer‑generators who apply for customer‑generator programs on or after June 1, 2021.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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