

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; regulating the installation and operation of a plug-in solar
1.3 photovoltaic device; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 216B.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[216B.2429] PLUG-IN SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICE.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) "Energy storage system" has the meaning given in section
1.8 216B.2422, subdivision 1.

1.9 (b) "Photovoltaic device" has the meaning given in section 216C.06, subdivision 16.

1.10 (c) "Plug-in solar photovoltaic device" means a portable photovoltaic device that:

1.11 (1) is intended primarily to offset a portion of a customer's electricity consumption;

1.12 (2) has a maximum power output of 1,200 watts;

1.13 (3) is capable of being connected with an on-site energy storage system; and

1.14 (4) is listed or certified as compliant with the requirements for interactive plug-in
1.15 photovoltaic equipment and systems by a testing laboratory that is recognized under the
1.16 federal Occupational Health and Safety Agency's Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory
1.17 program to certify photovoltaic equipment and systems.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Exemptions.** (a) A plug-in solar photovoltaic device is exempt from:

1.19 (1) a requirement to enter an interconnection agreement with an electric utility;

1.20 (2) the net metering provisions under section 216B.164; and

2.1 (3) a fee, condition, approval, or reporting requirement that an electric utility imposes
2.2 with respect to the plug-in solar photovoltaic device's installation or operation.

2.3 (b) An electric utility is not liable for damage or injury caused by a plug-in solar
2.4 photovoltaic device.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.