

1 H.292

2 Introduced by Representatives Cheney of Norwich, Edwards of Brattleboro,

3 Jerman of Essex, Masland of Thetford, Mitchell of Barnard,

4 Weston of Burlington and Young of St. Albans City

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Taxation; property tax; exemptions; energy efficiency improvements;

8 renewable energy improvements

9 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to provide a property tax exemption
10 for the value added to property on which the owner makes energy efficiency or
11 renewable energy improvements.

12 An act relating to property tax exemption for energy efficiency and
13 renewable energy improvements

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 3802 is amended to read:

16 § 3802. PROPERTY TAX

17 The following property shall be exempt from taxation:

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19 (17) That portion of the value of real or personal property attributable to
20 an increase in the appraisal value due to the construction or installation of a

1 qualified energy efficiency improvement or a qualified renewable energy
2 improvement; and which improvement was not incorporated at the time of
3 original construction. The exemption granted under this subdivision shall
4 terminate upon the first transfer of ownership of all or any portion of the parcel
5 following the construction or installation of an improvement. For purposes of
6 this subdivision, a “qualified energy efficiency improvement” shall have the
7 meaning set forth in Section 25C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
8 amended, and a “qualified renewable energy improvement” shall mean:

9 (A) an improvement to heat water for use in a dwelling unit that is
10 used as a residence by the taxpayer if at least one-half of the energy used by
11 such property for such purpose is derived from the sun; or

12 (B) an improvement to allow the use of solar energy to generate
13 electricity for use in a dwelling unit that is used as a residence by the taxpayer;
14 or

15 (C) an improvement using a qualified fuel cell power plant (as
16 defined in Section 48(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended)
17 to provide electricity to a dwelling unit that is used as a principal residence by
18 the taxpayer.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

20 This act shall apply to grand lists on or after April 1, 2010.