

House Proposal of Amendment

S. 269

An act relating to extending the Energy Savings Account Partnership Pilot Program

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

By striking out Sec. 3, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Home Weatherization Assistance Program * * *

Sec. 3. 33 V.S.A. § 2502 is amended to read:

§ 2502. HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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(b) In addition, the Director shall supplement, or supplant, any federal program with the State Home Weatherization Assistance Program.

(1) The State program shall provide an enhanced weatherization assistance amount exceeding the federal per unit limit allowing amounts up to an average of \$8,500.00 per unit allocated on a cost-effective basis. The allowable average per unit may be adjusted to account for the lower cost per unit of multifamily buildings. In units where costs exceed the allowable average by more than 25 percent, prior approval of the Director of the State Economic Opportunity Office shall be required before work commences. This amount shall be adjusted annually ~~by increasing the last year's amount by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for the previous year to~~ account for inflation of materials and labor.

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* * * Reauthorization and Extension of VEGI * * *

Sec. 4. FY 2020–2022; VEGI AWARDS

Any awards for a Vermont Employment Growth Incentive under 32 V.S.A. chapter 105, subchapter 2 granted by the Vermont Economic Progress Council between January 1, 2021 and enactment of this act are authorized by the General Assembly.

Sec. 5. 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 157, Sec. H.12 is amended to read:

Sec. H.12. VEGI; REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO AWARD

INCENTIVES

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Vermont Economic Progress Council shall not accept or approve an application for a

Vermont Employment Growth Incentive under 32 V.S.A. chapter 105, subchapter 2 on or after January 1, ~~2021~~ 2024.

Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on passage except that, notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 4 (VEGI awards) shall take effect retroactively on December 31, 2020.