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**Act No. 38 (S.50). An act relating to increasing the size of solar net metering projects that qualify for expedited registration**

**Subjects: Energy; public service; net metering; renewable energy; solar energy**

This act allows ground mounted photovoltaic net metering systems of 25 kilowatts and less to qualify for expedited registration. Previously, only systems 15 kW or less could use expedited registration. It requires net metering systems 25 kW and less to comply with a 10-foot setback. It also eliminates the requirement for customers recording their net metering system in the land records to report that record to the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

The act directs the PUC to update to the net metering rules to allow customers to change their decision to retain or transfer their renewable energy credits for their net metering system once within 120 days after the system is commissioned. The act also allows customers who own a net metering system that was commissioned between January 1, 2023, and July 1, 2025, to change the customer's decision to retain the attributes once by submitting a request to the Public Utility Commission by September 2, 2025.

The act requires the PUC to meet with stakeholders to evaluate the definition of "plant" that is used in 30 V.S.A. § 8002(18) and recommend changes to it by November 1, 2025.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025