

OUTLINE OF POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS. S.230
LIMITED LOCAL REGULATION OF RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION
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- I. Solar renewable generation 15 kW or less
 - A. Municipal bylaws must allow as permitted use
 - B. Model on accessory dwelling unit requirement
 - C. On or appurtenant to dwelling unit, and also camp, farm structure, or commercial or industrial building
 - D. Rationale for 15 kW: Existing solar registration requirement

- II. Renewable generation 150 kW or less
 - A. Limited municipal regulation authorized provided that it does not interfere with the intended functional use
 - B. Model on existing limited regulatory authority for schools, hospitals, churches, state-owned institutions, and solid and hazardous waste management facilities: “location, size, height, building bulk, yards, courts, setbacks, density of buildings, off-street parking, loading facilities, traffic, noise, lighting, landscaping, and screening requirements, and only to the extent that regulations do not have the effect of interfering with the intended functional use”
 - C. Retain existing law that municipal regulations cannot prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the installation of energy devices based on renewable resources
 - D. Rationale for 150 kW
 - 1. Threshold under current net metering rules at which more regulatory review is required by PSB
 - 2. If solar, approximately one acre in size
 - 3. Interconnection requirements for this level and below are standardized

- III. Limited exemption from Section 248
 - A. Renewable electric generation of 150 kW or less
 - B. In a town that:
 - 1. Has adopted a town plan and permanent zoning and subdivision bylaws
 - 2. Bylaws regulate renewable generation per I and II above

- IV. Compliance with PSB interconnection rules remains required