

CHAPTER 269

AN ACT concerning the construction of certain State buildings and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.52:32-5.3 Definitions relative to energy savings for construction of certain State buildings.

1. As used in this act:

“High performance green building” means a building that is designed and constructed in a manner that achieves at least:

a. a silver rating according to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System as adopted by the United States Green Building Council;

b. a two globe rating according to the Green Globes Program as adopted by the Green Building Initiative; or

c. a comparable numeric rating according to a nationally recognized, accepted, and appropriate numeric sustainable development rating system, guideline, or standard as the Commissioner of Community Affairs, in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Director of Energy Savings established pursuant to Executive Order No.11 of 2006, and the Board of Public Utilities, may designate by regulation.

A “high performance green building” shall not mean any free-standing parking facility, multiple use maintenance facility or storage facility.

“State governmental entity” means the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of the State government, any agency or instrumentality of the State, including any board, bureau, commission, corporation, department, or division, any independent State authority, and any State institution of higher education. A county, municipality, or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall not be deemed a State governmental entity.

C.52:32-5.4 Standards for certain energy savings for new State buildings.

2. Any new building having at least 15,000 square feet in total floor area that is to be constructed for the sole use of a State governmental entity after the effective date of this act shall be designed and managed to meet standards for a high performance green building. The Director of the Division of Property Management and Construction in the Department of the Treasury, in cooperation with the New Jersey Building Authority where appropriate, shall enforce the provisions of this act. All plans, specifications and bid proposal documents for any building to which the provisions of this section apply shall identify all the requirements for meeting the appropriate certification level standard as provided in subsection a., b. or c. of section 1 of this act, as appropriate. The requirements of this act shall not apply to any building for which a request for proposal for entering into a contract to design the building has been issued prior to the effective date of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 13, 2008.