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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2614

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Pérez
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Tom Berryhill, Bradford, Carter,
Fong, Fuentes, Fuller, Ma, Skinner, Swanson, and Villines)

February 19, 2010

An act to add *and repeal* Chapter 5.10 (commencing with Section 25499) ~~to~~ of Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2614, as amended, John A. Pérez. Energy: home retrofit: federal program.

Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to administer federal funds pursuant to specified federal programs to eligible entities to reduce fossil fuel emissions, improve energy efficiency, and reduce overall energy use.

This bill would require the commission, upon the enactment of the federal Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010, in consultation with the United States Department of Energy, to develop programs that are required by, and that complement, the federal act. The bill would require the commission, in consultation with specified entities, to take specified actions to implement the federal Home Star program.

This bill would be repealed on January 1, 2012.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) The United States Congress is currently working to enact
- 4 bipartisan legislation related to the Home Star Energy Retrofit Act
- 5 of 2010. The federal Home Star program is a ~~six-billion-dollar~~ *six*
- 6 *billion-dollar* (\$6,000,000,000) national effort designed to create
- 7 jobs, spur manufacturing, and promote technological innovation
- 8 by providing incentives for residential energy efficiency
- 9 improvements.
- 10 (b) The federal Home Star program is comprised of Silver Star
- 11 and Gold Star rebates, comprehensive energy audits, independent
- 12 quality assurance checks, and various financing options.
- 13 Nationwide, the federal Home Star program is projected to create
- 14 almost 200,000 jobs and enable 3,000,000 home energy retrofits.
- 15 (c) It is critically important that California integrate the federal
- 16 Home Star program with existing state energy efficiency programs,
- 17 including the investor owned and municipal utility efforts, the
- 18 State Energy Resources Conservation and Development
- 19 Commission’s actions to implement the provisions of Chapter 470
- 20 of the Statutes of 2009 and to expand the development and the use
- 21 of Property Assessed Clean Energy bonds to finance energy or
- 22 water efficiency ~~improvement~~ *improvements*.
- 23 (d) California also received two hundred twenty-six million
- 24 dollars (\$226,000,000) from the federal American Recovery and
- 25 Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) for the State Energy
- 26 Program (SEP). California’s SEP will increase residential and
- 27 commercial building energy efficiency, reduce energy consumption
- 28 and utility bills, cut reliance on imported energy, and decrease the
- 29 impacts on the environment caused by energy production.
- 30 (e) California needs to ensure that it is in the best position to
- 31 maximize and fully leverage the federal resources that will flow
- 32 to its homeowners and businesses from the federal Home Star
- 33 program.

1 SEC. 2. Chapter 5.10 (commencing with Section 25499) is
2 added to Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 5.10. HOME STAR PROGRAM
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6 25499. (a) Upon the enactment of the federal Home Star
7 Energy Retrofit Act of 2010, the commission shall, in consultation
8 with the United States Department of Energy, develop programs
9 that are required by, and that complement, the federal act that,
10 among other things, do all of the following:

- 11 (1) Establish a quality assurance program.
- 12 (2) Ensure that a qualified pool of professionals is available to
13 perform quality assurance checks.
- 14 (3) Ensure that the requisite quality assurance is performed.
- 15 (4) Develop financing options.

16 (b) The commission, working in conjunction with the
17 Department of Community Services and Development and the
18 Public Utilities Commission, shall streamline procedures for
19 eligible low-income homeowners to receive assistance for energy
20 efficiency retrofit.

21 (c) The commission shall, working in conjunction with the
22 Public Utilities Commission, the electric utilities, and the gas
23 utilities, coordinate program implementation efforts and provide
24 proper outreach to minimize consumer confusion and the orderly
25 implementation of the federal Home Star program.

26 (d) The commission shall, in coordination with the Green Collar
27 Jobs Council, ensure that the council's programs, policies, and
28 participants are complementary to the federal Home Star program
29 to the greatest extent possible.

30 (e) (1) The commission may adopt guidelines governing the
31 award, eligibility, and administration of funding pursuant to this
32 section at a publicly noticed meeting.

33 (2) For the initial adoption of guidelines, the commission shall
34 provide written notice to the public of not less than 30 days.

35 (3) For substantive amendments to the guidelines, the
36 commission shall provide written public notice of not less than 15
37 days.

38 (4) Notwithstanding any other law, guidelines adopted pursuant
39 to this subdivision shall be exempt from the requirements of

1 Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division
2 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
3 25499.5. *This chapter shall remain in effect only until January*
4 *1, 2012, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted*
5 *statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2012, deletes or extends*
6 *that date.*

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