

HB 1290 - AS INTRODUCED

2026 SESSION

26-2815

06/07

HOUSE BILL **1290**

AN ACT relative to customer energy storage.

SPONSORS: Rep. McGhee, Hills. 35; Rep. Caplan, Merr. 8; Rep. Cormen, Graf. 15; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that the department of energy shall adopt rules relative to installation and use of energy storage systems. The bill also provides that the public utilities commission may approve tariffs and issue orders in adjudicated proceedings consistent with, or in the absence of such rules.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to customer energy storage.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Customer Energy Storage; Definition of Department Added. Amend RSA
2 374-H:1 by inserting after paragraph II the following paragraph:

3 II-a. "Department" means the department of energy.

4 2 Customer Energy Storage; Customer Energy Storage Systems. Amend the introductory
5 paragraph of RSA 374-H:2, I to read as follows:

6 I. The ~~[commission]~~ **department** shall adopt rules ~~[or approve tariffs]~~ clarifying policy for
7 the installation~~[-]~~ **and** interconnection~~[-and use]~~ of energy storage systems by customers of utilities,
8 **while the commission may approve tariffs and issue orders in adjudicated proceedings**
9 **that are consistent with such rules and pertain to the use of and utility compensation for**
10 **such energy storage systems. The department and the commission** ~~[and]~~ shall incorporate the
11 following principles into the rules **and orders, respectively** ~~[or approved tariffs]~~:

12 3 Customer Energy Storage; Customer Energy Storage Systems. Amend RSA 374-H:2, II to
13 read as follows:

14 II. Nothing in this section alters or supersedes ~~[either:~~

15 ~~(a)]~~ the principles of net energy metering under RSA 362-A:9~~[-or~~

16 ~~(b)]~~ Any existing electrical permit requirements or any licensing or certification
17 requirements for installers, manufacturers, or equipment].

18 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.