

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3469

TITLE: An Act relative to solar permitting

SPONSOR: Representative Mark J. Cusack

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: October 9, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2023-2024: H.3683 heard by TUE Committee; favorably redrafted as part of H.4503; referred to HWM where no further action was taken

CURRENT LAW:
N/A

SUMMARY:

Requires the permit granting authority of a city or town to allow for electronic submission of the permit application and associated documentation for the installation of solar PVs, solar thermal system, building-integrated PV system, energy storage, or solar combined with storage. All required permitting documentation shall be published on the permit granting authority's website. Upon submission of the application, the application shall be deemed complete if, after five business days, the permit granting authority does not issue a written correction notice requesting additional information.

An application shall be deemed as approved if ten business days after the application was deemed complete have passed and the following are true:

- The permit granting authority has not administratively approved the application
- The permit granting authority has not denied the permit
- The permit granting authority may use an automated permitting platform that verified code compliance and issues permits in real time.

The applicant shall notify the permit granting authority after completing the system installation. One inspection shall be required for a solar PV system, building-integrated PV system, solar thermal system, energy storage device, or the solar system combined with an energy storage device. The permit granting authority shall issue a certificate of completion no later than 10 business days following the receipt of notice from the applicant that the system is installed. No additional inspections shall be required by the EDCs.