

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3526

TITLE: An Act relative to large-scale solar energy installations on agricultural or recreational land of the Commonwealth

SPONSOR: Rep. Paul McMurtry

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: October 9, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2023-2024: H.3190 heard by Committee, accompanied a study order, see H.4778.
2021-2022: H.3346 heard by Committee; no further action taken.

CURRENT LAW:
Chapter 25A pertains to the Division of Energy Resources.

SUMMARY:
Adds a Section 18 to Chapter 25A that prohibits large-scale solar energy installation on agricultural land or recreational land unless DOER certifies that land of like kind and quantity will be dedicated to use as agricultural land or recreational land.