

Senate Engrossed House Bill

~~workers' compensation; service; definition~~
(now: building permits; solar; approval process)

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fifty-seventh Legislature
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2025

HOUSE BILL 2033

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 9-468 AND 11-323, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING
TO RESIDENTIAL SOLAR.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 9-468, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 9-468. Solar construction permits; standards; online instant
5 permitting process; suspension; remote field
6 reports; municipal report; applicability; immunity;
7 definitions

8 A. Municipalities shall adopt the following standards for issuing
9 permits for the use of certain solar energy devices:

10 1. For construction with solar photovoltaic systems that are
11 intended to connect to a utility system, the following apply:

12 (a) The location of the photovoltaic system installation shall be
13 indicated on the construction plans, including the roof plan and
14 elevation.

15 (b) Photovoltaic panel mounting details shall be included in the
16 installation plans.

17 (c) The electrical diagrams shall include one-line or three-line
18 diagrams. A one-line or three-line electrical diagram is not required if
19 a qualified online automated permitting platform is used to verify code
20 compliance.

21 (d) For direct current to alternating current conversions, the cut
22 sheet and listings for inverters shall be included in the plans.

23 (e) A municipality shall not require a stamp from a professional
24 engineer for a solar photovoltaic system unless an engineering stamp is
25 deemed necessary. If an engineering stamp is deemed necessary, the
26 municipality shall provide the permittee a written explanation of why the
27 engineering stamp is necessary.

28 (f) A municipality may use a qualified online automated permitting
29 platform to verify code compliance in order to satisfy the requirements of
30 subdivisions (a), (b), ~~(c)~~ and (c) of this paragraph.

31 2. For solar water heating systems, the following apply:

32 (a) The location of the solar panel system shall be indicated on
33 the construction plans, including the roof plan and elevation, and shall
34 include mounting details for panel installation.

35 (b) Construction plan notes shall include a requirement that solar
36 water heating equipment be installed in compliance with applicable
37 plumbing codes and as prescribed by a solar rating and certification
38 corporation and any guidelines adopted by this state.

39 (c) A municipality shall not require a stamp from a professional
40 engineer for a single-family solar water heating system unless an
41 engineering stamp is deemed necessary. If an engineering stamp is deemed
42 necessary, the municipality shall provide the permittee a written
43 explanation of why the engineering stamp is necessary.

44 B. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, A MUNICIPALITY SHALL ADOPT AN
45 INSTANT PERMITTING PROCESS FOR HOME POWER INSTALLATIONS. THE ONLINE

1 INSTANT PERMITTING PROCESS MUST BE CAPABLE OF PROCESSING HOME POWER
2 APPLICATIONS FOR AT LEAST THE MAJORITY OF THE TYPES OF HOME POWER
3 INSTALLATIONS INSTALLED IN THIS STATE, INCLUDING APPLICATIONS FOR ENERGY
4 STORAGE INSTALLATIONS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT,
5 INCLUDING MAIN PANEL UPGRADES AND MAIN BREAKER DERATES. A MUNICIPALITY
6 SHALL ALLOW ALL HOME POWER INSTALLATIONS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY
7 DWELLINGS ON ALLOWED STRUCTURES THAT CAN BE PROCESSED BY THE
8 MUNICIPALITY'S ONLINE INSTANT PERMITTING PROCESS TO BE PROCESSED BY THE
9 MUNICIPALITY'S INSTANT PERMITTING PROCESS. THE INSTANT PERMITTING PROCESS
10 ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A MUNICIPALITY TO
11 PROVIDE INSTANT PERMITTING FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 12 1. UNPERMITTED STRUCTURES.
- 13 2. STRUCTURES THAT ARE BUILT BEFORE THE MUNICIPALITY ADOPTS
14 BUILDING CODES WHERE THE STRUCTURE IS LOCATED.
- 15 3. A MOBILE HOME AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-1409.
- 16 4. STRUCTURES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT.
- 17 5. STRUCTURES THAT ARE DEVELOPED THROUGH A CONTRACTOR SELF-ISSUED
18 PERMITTING PROCESS.

19 C. THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT
20 CREATES A PROCEDURE TO SUSPEND A CONTRACTOR OR AN ENGINEER FROM USING THE
21 INSTANT PERMITTING PROCESS THAT IS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF
22 THIS SECTION IF THE MUNICIPALITY FINDS THAT THE CONTRACTOR OR ENGINEER HAS
23 PROVIDED MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION MORE THAN ONE TIME AS PART OF A HOME
24 POWER APPLICATION OR HAS BEEN FOUND BY ANY MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY TO HAVE
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26 POWER APPLICATION. A RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION MUST
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28 SUSPENSION.

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30 OPTION FOR HOME POWER BUILDING INSPECTIONS FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY OR
31 TWO-FAMILY DWELLING TO BE PERFORMED THROUGH A SINGLE REMOTE FIELD
32 REPORT. A SINGLE REMOTE FIELD REPORT SHALL BE OFFERED AT THE SAME COST AS
33 OR A LOWER COST THAN A MUNICIPAL IN-PERSON BUILDING INSPECTION. A SINGLE
34 REMOTE FIELD REPORT SHALL BE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE SAME TIME FRAME AS OR A
35 SHORTER TIME FRAME THAN THE TIME FRAME FOR AN IN-PERSON BUILDING
36 INSPECTION.

37 E. IF BY JULY 1, 2027, THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY ADOPTS
38 A RESOLUTION THAT FINDS THAT AN EXEMPTION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE
39 PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND SAFETY, THE MUNICIPALITY MAY EXEMPT CERTAIN CATEGORIES
40 OF HOME POWER BUILDING INSPECTIONS FROM BEING PERFORMED THROUGH A SINGLE
41 REMOTE FIELD REPORT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION. FOR THE
42 EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF HOME POWER BUILDING INSPECTIONS TO
43 CONTINUE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL READOPT THE
44 RESOLUTION EVERY TWO YEARS.

1 F. THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT
2 ESTABLISHES A PROCEDURE FOR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 1. CONDUCTING IN-PERSON AUDITS OF REMOTE FIELD REPORTS.

4 2. SUSPENDING A CONTRACTOR OR AN ENGINEER FROM REQUESTING A REMOTE
5 FIELD REPORT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION IF THE MUNICIPALITY
6 FINDS THAT THE CONTRACTOR OR ENGINEER HAS PROVIDED MATERIALLY FALSE OR
7 MISLEADING INFORMATION AS PART OF THE REMOTE FIELD REPORT PROCESS OR HAS
8 BEEN FOUND BY ANY MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY TO HAVE PROVIDED MATERIALLY FALSE
9 OR MISLEADING INFORMATION AS PART OF THE REMOTE FIELD REPORT PROCESS. A
10 RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH MUST INCLUDE A PROCESS FOR A
11 SUSPENDED CONTRACTOR OR ENGINEER TO APPEAL THE SUSPENSION.

12 G. A MUNICIPALITY MAY NOT CHARGE A CONTRACTOR OR ENGINEER FOR AN
13 IN-PERSON AUDIT THAT IS PERFORMED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION F, PARAGRAPH 1 OF
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15 REPORTS THAT THE MUNICIPALITY AUDITS.

16 H. A MUNICIPALITY SHALL POST A COMPLIANCE REPORT ON THE MUNICIPAL
17 WEBSITE AND SEND THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS
18 AFTER ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTIONS B AND D OF THIS SECTION. THE
19 REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:

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22 FOR COMPLIANCE.

23 3. CONFIRMATION THAT THE MUNICIPALITY IS BOTH:

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25 INSTALLATIONS AND NOT REQUIRING MANUAL REVIEW AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE
26 ISSUANCE OF A HOME POWER BUILDING PERMIT FOR HOME POWER INSTALLATIONS THAT
27 GO THROUGH THE INSTANT PERMITTING PROCESS.

28 (b) ALLOWING HOME POWER BUILDING INSPECTIONS TO BE PERFORMED
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37 INCLUDING MAIN PANEL UPGRADES AND MAIN BREAKER DERATES. THIS EXPLANATION
38 MAY BE BASED ON ESTIMATES MADE BY THE SOFTWARE PROVIDER OF THE INSTANT
39 PERMITTING PROCESS.

40 ~~B.~~ I. Any building or permit fee or charge assessed by a ~~city or~~
41 ~~town~~ MUNICIPALITY for a building permit for solar construction must be
42 attributable to and defray or cover the expense of the service for which
43 the fee or charge is assessed. A fee or charge shall not exceed the
44 actual cost of issuing a permit, and a written, itemized list of the

1 individual costs associated with the permit fee shall be provided at the
2 request of the permittee.

3 ~~E.~~ J. Before adoption of a fee for service or an additional or
4 separate charge pursuant to this section, a ~~city or town~~ MUNICIPALITY
5 shall hold a public hearing on the issue with at least fifteen days'
6 published notice.

7 ~~D.~~ K. The method by which a ~~city or town~~ MUNICIPALITY arrives at
8 an assessed permit or plan fee must be published and made available to the
9 public.

10 L. A MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE OR MUNICIPAL ENTITY IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN
11 INSPECTION OR ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT OR ANY OTHER APPROVAL ISSUED PURSUANT
12 TO THIS SECTION OR FAILURE TO REVOKE OR SUSPEND A PERMIT OR ANY OTHER
13 APPROVAL ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION UNLESS THE EMPLOYEE'S OR ENTITY'S
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15 NEGLIGENT. THIS IMMUNITY ALSO APPLIES TO A MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE OR
16 MUNICIPAL ENTITY IF AN INJURY OR DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY A CONTRACTOR OF THE
17 MUNICIPALITY.

18 M. SUBSECTIONS B THROUGH L OF THIS SECTION ARE APPLICABLE TO A
19 MUNICIPALITY WITH A POPULATION OF FIVE THOUSAND PERSONS OR MORE.

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21 1. "HOME POWER APPLICATION" MEANS THE APPLICATION FOR A HOME POWER
22 BUILDING PERMIT THAT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DETERMINE
23 WHETHER A HOME POWER INSTALLATION IS COMPLIANT WITH THE RELEVANT CODES,
24 STANDARDS AND RULES.

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26 MUNICIPALITY OF A HOME POWER INSTALLATION AS PART OF THE HOME POWER
27 INSTALLATION.

28 3. "HOME POWER BUILDING PERMIT" MEANS A PERMIT REQUIRED BY A
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30 INSTALLATION, INCLUDING A FIRE PERMIT.

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32 INSTALLATION, AN ENERGY STORAGE INSTALLATION OR A COMBINATION OF A SOLAR
33 PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION AND ENERGY STORAGE INSTALLATION THAT PROVIDES
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4 web-based portal that automates plan review, produces code-compliant
5 approvals and issues permits for residential solar energy systems,
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8 INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT, AND MAIN PANEL UPGRADES AND MAIN BREAKER
9 DERATES, in real time.

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24 INSTANT PERMITTING PROCESS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT
25 REQUIRE A COUNTY TO PROVIDE INSTANT PERMITTING FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

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28 CODES WHERE THE STRUCTURE IS LOCATED.

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32 PERMITTING PROCESS.

33 C. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF A COUNTY MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT
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26 THE HOMEOWNER.

27 Sec. 3. Delayed adoption of instant permitting process

28 If by July 1, 2027, the governing body of a municipality or the
29 board of supervisors of a county adopts a resolution that shows the
30 municipality or county is in the process of establishing an online instant
31 permitting process for home power installations and that allows for a
32 delay in adopting an online instant permitting process for home power
33 installations as established by sections 9-468 and 11-323, Arizona Revised
34 Statutes, as amended by this act, the municipality or county may delay
35 adopting an instant permitting process for home power installations for an
36 additional six months until not later than June 30, 2028.