

# New Jersey Solar Legislation Bill S-1925

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An updated version of Senate Bill 1925 was passed by the New Jersey State Senate Environment and Energy Committee. The objective of this bill is to stabilize the NJ Solar Renewable Energy Certificate (SREC) market. S-1925 is co-sponsored by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee Chair, Bob Smith (D) and the Senate President, Stephen Sweeny (D). The Board of Public Utilities (BPU), the Christie Administration, union leaders, and solar advocacy groups also contributed to the legislation.

New S-1925 Highlights are:

- Switch from a statewide fixed requirement to a percentage requirement beginning in Energy Year 2014 (June 1, 2013-May 31, 2014). A percentage requirement can also assist electric suppliers in better planning SREC purchases and protect ratepayers if there is a decline in electricity consumption.
- S-1925 percentage requirements decline versus the current fixed requirement starting in 2024 and extending to 2028. The bill's objective is to provide near term relief to the SREC market in the earlier years and have the SREC requirement decline in the latter years.

## Proposed Changes to New Jersey Solar RPS Requirement

Year	Current Fixed Requirement	S - 1925 Percentage	S - 1925 Estimate	Increase / (Decrease)
2014	772,000 SRECs	2.18%	1,819,575	1,047,575
2015	965,000 SRECs	2.54%	2,150,450	1,185,450
2016	1,150,000 SRECs	2.55%	2,187,855	1,037,855
2017	1,357,000 SRECs	2.79%	2,428,890	1,071,890
2018	1,591,000 SRECs	3.02%	2,673,125	1,082,125
2019	1,858,000 SRECs	3.26%	2,921,445	1,063,445
2020	2,164,000 SRECs	3.49%	3,175,705	1,011,705
2021	2,518,000 SRECs	3.72%	3,441,560	923,560
2022	2,928,000 SRECs	3.87%	3,627,395	699,395
2023	3,433,000 SRECs	4.00%	3,831,360	398,360
2024	3,989,000 SRECs	4.08%	3,942,980	(46,020)
2025	4,610,000 SRECs	4.15%	4,069,840	(540,160)
2026	5,316,000 SRECs	4.18%	4,163,760	(1,152,240)
2027	5,316,000 SRECs	4.20%	4,250,480	(1,065,520)
2028	5,316,000 SRECs	4.23%	4,337,840	(978,160)

- Retain existing NJ SREC requirement for EY 2012 and 2013.
- Extend the Solar Alternative Compliance Payment (SACP) out to 2028 from 2026.