HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS
2022 Regular Session
Amendments proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to Original House Bill No. 655 by Representative Coussan

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 5, after "permit to" and before "operate" insert "construct or"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, line 27, after "construct" and before "operate" change "and" to "or"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 3, delete line 17 through 19 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(iii) The estimated cost of site closure and remediation that includes the estimated cost of removing the solar power generation facility and associated infrastructure from the property and restoring the property to as near as reasonably possible to the condition of the property prior to the commencement of construction of the facility. The secretary shall adjust the estimated cost based upon any updated decommissioning plan submitted pursuant to Paragraph (D)(2) of this Section. Any increase in the amount of financial security required shall be secured by the permit holder within thirty days of notification of the increase."

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 4, at the beginning of line 1, after "D." insert "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 4, line 4, after "collect" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 5 through 8 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"the following fees:
(a) An application fee not to exceed fifty dollars per acre of the solar power generation facility footprint.
(b) An application processing fee not to exceed five hundred dollars.
(c) An annual monitoring and maintenance fee beginning the year after issuance of the permit and every year thereafter not to exceed fifty dollars per acre of the facility footprint.
(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Paragraph, no applicant or permit holder shall be charged a fee that exceeds the department's budgeted costs of implementing and administering the provisions of this Section for the fiscal year in which the fee is charged.
(2) Any application for a permit"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 4, delete line 12 in its entirety, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"updated every five years after the initial submission. All submitted plans shall be reviewed for sufficiency by the department and approved by the secretary.
(3) Any power generation facility in construction or operating before August 1, 2022, shall register with the department and pay the annual monitoring and maintenance fee provided for in this Subsection. Beginning January 1, 2024, such
facilities shall be in compliance with this Section and any rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this Section, including obtaining financial security and submitting a decommissioning plan.

(4) All the monies collected from the fees"