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## **DIGEST**

Riser (SB 347)

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that it shall be unlawful for any person who contracts for the sale, installation, maintenance, or repair of a solar electric system or solar thermal system to do either of the following:

- (1) To make any misrepresentation of a material fact to defraud a consumer through the failure to perform or complete the installation of the system or fail to maintain or repair the system under the terms of the contract.
- (2) To make any misrepresentation of a material fact to defraud a consumer through the failure to maintain or repair the system under the terms of the contract subsequent to the installation.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that whoever violates the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or imprisoned for not less than 90 days nor more than three years, or both.

<u>Proposed law</u> shall not be construed to prevent the state, through the attorney general, from asserting a cause of action to recover damages or penalties, or assess or collect a penalty, resulting from a violation of <u>proposed law</u>.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 14:202.2)