

## HR 3664

Solar Energy Regulatory Relief Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment. (Dec 20, 2011)

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 16, 2011
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 20, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1108	Related bill	<b>Feb 7, 2012:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 313.

Solar Energy Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of Energy (DOE) to: (1) establish a program to provide competitive grants and/or challenge grants to local governments that have adopted best practices for solar permitting for properties located in the United States, (2) provide voluntary certification and recognition for such governments, and (3) implement specified criteria for awarding such grants.

Authorizes the use of funds for competitive grants for: (1) training and the development of materials and tools for making the local permitting process for solar energy systems more standardized, efficient, and less expensive; and (2) solar energy system deployment projects or programs to pilot new permitting strategies or processes. Authorizes the use of funds for challenge grants for: (1) solar energy system deployment projects, and (2) programs to pilot new permitting strategies or processes.

Requires the Secretary to rescind grant funds provided to any grant recipient that receives funds based on a commitment to adopt best practices for solar permitting but that is unable to implement the steps necessary to adopt such practices.

Makes each eligible entity receiving funds responsible for a matching amount not to exceed 50% of the funds provided.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Dec 20, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **Dec 16, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
- **Dec 14, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 14, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.