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AN ACT

To repeal sections 67.2800, 67.2810, and 67.2815, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof eight new sections relating to property assessment contracts for energy efficiency, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 67.2800, 67.2810, and 67.2815, RSMo, are repealed and eight new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 67.2800, 67.2810, 67.2815, 67.2816, 67.2817, 67.2818, 67.2819, and 67.2840, to read as follows:

67.2800. 1. Sections 67.2800 to ~~67.2835~~ **67.2840** shall be known and may be cited as the "Property Assessment Clean Energy Act".

2. As used in sections 67.2800 to ~~67.2835~~ **67.2840**, the following words and terms shall mean:

(1) "Assessment contract", a contract entered into between a clean energy development board and a property owner under which the property owner agrees to pay an annual assessment for a period of up to twenty years **not to exceed the weighted average useful life of the qualified improvements** in exchange for financing of an energy efficiency improvement or a renewable energy improvement;

(2) "Authority", the state environmental improvement and energy resources authority established under section 260.010;

(3) "Bond", any bond, note, or similar instrument issued by or on behalf of a clean energy development board;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14 (4) "Clean energy conduit financing", the financing of energy efficiency improvements
15 or renewable energy improvements for a single parcel of property or a unified development
16 consisting of multiple adjoining parcels of property under section 67.2825;

17 (5) "Clean energy development board", a board formed by one or more municipalities
18 under section 67.2810;

19 (6) **"Director", the director of the division of finance within the department of**
20 **commerce and insurance;**

21 (7) **"Division", the division of finance within the department of commerce and**
22 **insurance;**

23 (8) "Energy efficiency improvement", any acquisition, installation, or modification on
24 or of publicly or privately owned property designed to reduce the energy consumption of such
25 property, including but not limited to:

26 (a) Insulation in walls, roofs, attics, floors, foundations, and heating and cooling
27 distribution systems;

28 (b) Storm windows and doors, multiglazed windows and doors, heat-absorbing or heat-
29 reflective windows and doors, and other window and door improvements designed to reduce
30 energy consumption;

31 (c) Automatic energy control systems;

32 (d) Heating, ventilating, or air conditioning distribution system modifications and
33 replacements;

34 (e) Caulking and weatherstripping;

35 (f) Replacement or modification of lighting fixtures to increase energy efficiency of the
36 lighting system without increasing the overall illumination of the building unless the increase in
37 illumination is necessary to conform to applicable state or local building codes;

38 (g) Energy recovery systems; and

39 (h) Daylighting systems;

40 ~~[(7)]~~ (9) "Municipality", any county, city, or incorporated town or village of this state;

41 ~~[(8)]~~ (10) **"Program administrator", an individual or entity selected by the clean**
42 **energy development board to administer the PACE program, but this term does not**
43 **include an employee of a county or municipal government assigned to a clean energy**
44 **development board or a public employee employed by a clean energy development board**
45 **who is paid from appropriated general tax revenues;**

46 (11) "Project", any energy efficiency improvement or renewable energy improvement;

47 ~~[(9)]~~ (12) "Property assessed clean energy local finance fund", a fund that may be
48 established by the authority for the purpose of making loans to clean energy development boards
49 to establish and maintain property assessed clean energy programs;

50 ~~[(10)]~~ **(13)** "Property assessed clean energy program" or "**PACE program**", a program
51 established by a clean energy development board to finance energy efficiency improvements or
52 renewable energy improvements under section 67.2820;

53 ~~[(11)]~~ **(14)** "Renewable energy improvement", any acquisition and installation of a
54 fixture, product, system, device, or combination thereof on publicly or privately owned property
55 that produces energy from renewable resources, including, but not limited to photovoltaic
56 systems, solar thermal systems, wind systems, biomass systems, or geothermal systems.

57 3. All projects undertaken under sections 67.2800 to ~~[67.2835]~~ **67.2840** are subject to
58 the applicable municipality's ordinances and regulations, including but not limited to those
59 ordinances and regulations concerning zoning, subdivision, building, fire safety, and historic or
60 architectural review.

 67.2810. 1. One or more municipalities may form clean energy development boards for
2 the purpose of exercising the powers described in sections 67.2800 to ~~[67.2835]~~ **67.2840**. Each
3 clean energy development board shall consist of not less than three members, as set forth in the
4 ordinance or order establishing the clean energy development board. Members shall serve terms
5 as set forth in the ordinance or order establishing the clean energy development board and shall
6 be appointed:

7 (1) If only one municipality is participating in the clean energy development board, by
8 the chief elected officer of the municipality with the consent of the governing body of the
9 municipality; or

10 (2) If more than one municipality is participating, in a manner agreed to by all
11 participating municipalities.

12 2. A clean energy development board shall be a political subdivision of the state and
13 shall have all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the provisions of
14 sections 67.2800 to ~~[67.2835]~~ **67.2840**, including but not limited to the following:

15 (1) To adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws, which are not inconsistent with sections
16 67.2800 to ~~[67.2835]~~ **67.2840**;

17 (2) To adopt an official seal;

18 (3) To sue and be sued;

19 (4) To make and enter into contracts and other instruments with public and private
20 entities;

21 (5) To accept grants, guarantees, and donations of property, labor, services, and other
22 things of value from any public or private source;

23 (6) To employ or contract for such managerial, legal, technical, clerical, accounting, or
24 other assistance it deems advisable;

25 (7) To levy and collect special assessments under an assessment contract with a property
26 owner and to record such special assessments as a lien on the property;

27 (8) To borrow money from any public or private source and issue bonds and provide
28 security for the repayment of the same;

29 (9) To finance a project under an assessment contract;

30 (10) To collect reasonable fees and charges in connection with making and servicing
31 assessment contracts and in connection with any technical, consultative, or project assistance
32 services offered;

33 (11) To invest any funds not required for immediate disbursement in obligations of the
34 state of Missouri or of the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or in bank
35 certificates of deposit; provided, however, the limitations on investments provided in this
36 subdivision shall not apply to proceeds acquired from the sale of bonds which are held by a
37 corporate trustee; and

38 (12) To take whatever actions necessary to participate in and administer a clean energy
39 conduit financing or a property assessed clean energy program.

40 3. No later than July first of each year, the clean energy development board shall file
41 with each municipality that participated in the formation of the clean energy development board
42 and with the director of the department of natural resources an annual report for the preceding
43 calendar year that includes:

44 (1) A brief description of each project financed by the clean energy development board
45 during the preceding calendar year, which shall include the physical address of the property, the
46 name or names of the property owner, an itemized list of the costs of the project, and the name
47 of any contractors used to complete the project;

48 (2) The amount of assessments due and the amount collected during the preceding
49 calendar year;

50 (3) The amount of clean energy development board administrative costs incurred during
51 the preceding calendar year;

52 (4) The estimated cumulative energy savings resulting from all energy efficiency
53 improvements financed during the preceding calendar year; and

54 (5) The estimated cumulative energy produced by all renewable energy improvements
55 financed during the preceding calendar year.

56 ~~[4. No lawsuit to set aside the formation of a clean energy development board or to~~
57 ~~otherwise question the proceedings related thereto shall be brought after the expiration of sixty~~
58 ~~days from the effective date of the ordinance or order creating the clean energy development~~
59 ~~board. No lawsuit to set aside the approval of a project, an assessment contract, or a special~~
60 ~~assessment levied by a clean energy development board, or to otherwise question the proceedings~~

61 ~~related thereto shall be brought after the expiration of sixty days from the date that the~~
62 ~~assessment contract is executed.]~~

67.2815. 1. A clean energy development board shall not enter into an assessment
2 contract or levy or collect a special assessment for a project without making a finding that there
3 are sufficient resources to complete the project and that the estimated economic benefit expected
4 from the project during the financing period is equal to or greater than the cost of the project.

5 2. An assessment contract shall be executed by the clean energy development board and
6 the benefitted property owner or property owners and shall provide:

7 (1) A description of the project, including the estimated cost of the project and details
8 on how the project will either reduce energy consumption or create energy from renewable
9 sources;

10 (2) A mechanism for:

11 (a) Verifying the final costs of the project upon its completion; and

12 (b) Ensuring that any amounts advanced or otherwise paid by the clean energy
13 development board toward costs of the project will not exceed the final cost of the project;

14 (3) An acknowledgment by the property owner that the property owner has received or
15 will receive a special benefit by financing a project through the clean energy development board
16 that equals or exceeds the total assessments due under the assessment contract;

17 (4) An agreement by the property owner to pay annual special assessments for a period
18 not to exceed twenty years, as specified in the assessment contract;

19 (5) A statement that the obligations set forth in the assessment contract, including the
20 obligation to pay annual special assessments, are a covenant that shall run with the land and be
21 obligations upon future owners of such property; and

22 (6) An acknowledgment that no subdivision of property subject to the assessment
23 contract shall be valid unless the assessment contract or an amendment thereof divides the total
24 annual special assessment due between the newly subdivided parcels pro rata to the special
25 benefit realized by each subdivided parcel.

26 3. The total special assessments levied against a property under an assessment contract
27 shall not exceed the sum of the cost of the project, including any required energy audits and
28 inspections, or portion thereof financed through the participation in a property assessed clean
29 energy program or clean energy conduit financing, including the costs of any audits or
30 inspections required by the clean energy development board, plus such administration fees,
31 interest, and other financing costs reasonably required by the clean energy development board.

32 4. The clean energy development board shall provide a copy of each signed assessment
33 contract to the local county **or city** assessor and county **or city** collector and shall cause a copy

34 of such assessment contract to be recorded in the real estate records of the county **or city**
35 recorder of deeds.

36 5. Special assessments agreed to under an assessment contract shall be a lien on the
37 property against which it is assessed on behalf of the applicable clean energy development board
38 from the date that each annual assessment under the assessment contract becomes due. Such
39 special assessments shall be collected by the county **or city** collector in the same manner and
40 with the same priority as ad valorem real property taxes, **subject to the provisions of subsection**
41 **8 of this section**. Once collected, the county **or city** collector shall pay over such special
42 assessment revenues to the clean energy development board in the same manner in which
43 revenues from ad valorem real property taxes are paid to other taxing districts. Such special
44 assessments shall be collected as provided in this subsection from all subsequent property
45 owners, including the state and all political subdivisions thereof, for the term of the assessment
46 contract.

47 6. Any clean energy development board that contracts for outside administrative services
48 to provide financing origination for a project shall offer the right of first refusal to enter into such
49 a contract to a federally insured depository institution with a physical presence in Missouri upon
50 the same terms and conditions as would otherwise be approved by the clean energy development
51 board. Such right of first refusal shall not be applicable to the origination of any transaction that
52 involves the issuance of bonds by the clean energy development board.

53 7. Sections 67.2816, 67.2817, 67.2818, and 67.2819 shall apply only to PACE
54 programs for projects to improve residential properties of four or fewer units.

55 8. After January 1, 2022, an assessment contract shall not be approved by the clean
56 energy development board, or otherwise presented for recordation, unless the clean energy
57 development board verifies that written consent to the assessment contract has been
58 obtained from every existing lien holder on the property and that the consent has been
59 executed by the lien holder before a notary public. No assessment contract shall be
60 effective without the consent of existing lien holders. No lien holder shall be required or
61 compelled to compromise their security interest by providing consent and may refuse to
62 consent to the assessment contract becoming effective. Such consent shall be attached to
63 the assessment contract that is filed with the recorder of deeds office.

67.2816. 1. Municipalities that have created or joined a residential PACE program
2 or district shall inform the director by submitting a copy of the enabling ordinance to the
3 division. Any municipality that withdraws from a residential PACE program or district
4 shall inform the director by submitting a copy of the enabling ordinance for the
5 withdrawal to the division.

6 **2. Clean energy development boards offering residential property programs in the**
7 **state of Missouri and their program administrator shall be subject to examination by the**
8 **division for compliance with the provisions of sections 67.2800 to 67.2840 related to the**
9 **administration of programs for residential properties.**

10 **3. The division shall conduct an examination of each clean energy development**
11 **board at least once every twenty-four months and such other times as the director may**
12 **determine. The functions, powers, and duties of the director shall include the authority to**
13 **adopt, promulgate, amend, and repeal rules necessary and proper for the administration**
14 **of the director's duties under sections 67.2800 to 67.2840, subject to the requirements of**
15 **sections 361.105 and 536.024.**

16 **4. The division shall provide the clean energy development board an opportunity**
17 **to review each completed examination report and provide written responses to any**
18 **findings. The written responses, if any, shall be included in a final examination report that**
19 **shall be delivered to the clean energy development board and sponsoring municipality.**
20 **Examination reports shall be made available to the public. All personally identifiable**
21 **information of persons who have entered a PACE assessment contract shall be redacted.**

22 **5. If the director has reason to believe that a clean energy development board or**
23 **its program administrator has failed, refused, or neglected to comply with the provisions**
24 **of sections 67.2800 to 67.2840 or any rules promulgated by the director, he or she may issue**
25 **a notice of charges with respect thereof. The notice of charges shall contain a statement**
26 **of the facts constituting the deficiencies and the alleged violations and shall fix a time and**
27 **place at which a hearing shall be held to determine whether an order shall be issued.**

28 **6. If the director finds after a hearing that a clean energy development board or its**
29 **program administrator has failed, refused, or neglected to comply with the provisions of**
30 **sections 67.2800 to 67.2840 or any rule issued by the director pursuant to these sections,**
31 **he or she may order the following relief:**

32 **(1) An order directing the person to cease and desist from engaging in the act,**
33 **practice, omission, or course of business;**

34 **(2) A curative order or order directing the person to take other action necessary**
35 **or appropriate to comply with the provisions of sections 67.2800 to 67.2840; or**

36 **(3) Assess a civil penalty or forfeiture of up to five hundred dollars per violation**
37 **of the provisions of sections 67.2800 to 67.2840 or any rule issued by the director pursuant**
38 **to these sections.**

39 **7. The clean energy development board and its program administrator or other**
40 **agents shall be jointly and severally responsible for paying the actual costs of examinations,**
41 **which the director shall assess upon the completion of an examination and be credited to**

42 the division of finance fund established under section 361.170 and subject to the provisions
43 thereof.

44 8. The division may refer any matter related to the conduct of a clean energy
45 development board and its program administrator to the attorney general as deemed
46 appropriate by the director. The referral to the attorney general may include a referral
47 under chapter 407.

67.2817. 1. Notwithstanding any other contractual agreement to the contrary, each
2 assessment contract shall be reviewed, approved, and executed by the clean energy
3 development board and these duties shall not be delegated. Any attempted delegations of
4 these duties shall be void.

5 2. An assessment contract shall not be approved, executed, submitted, or otherwise
6 presented for recordation unless a clean energy development board verifies that the
7 following criteria are satisfied:

8 (1) The PACE assessments are assessed in equal annual installments;

9 (2) The PACE assessment may be paid in full at any time without prepayment
10 penalty;

11 (3) The assessment contract shall disclose applicable penalties, interest penalties,
12 or late fees under the contract and describe generally the interest and penalties imposed
13 under chapter 140 relating to the collection of delinquent property taxes;

14 (4) The clean energy development board shall provide a separate statement to the
15 owner of the residential property of the penalties or late fees authorized under the
16 assessment contract and of the penalties and interest penalties under chapter 140 for the
17 applicable tax collector as of the date of the assessment contract;

18 (5) The clean energy development board has confirmed that the property owner is
19 current on property taxes for the project property;

20 (6) The property that shall be subject to the assessment contract has no recorded
21 and outstanding involuntary liens in excess of one thousand dollars;

22 (7) The property owner shall not currently be a party to any bankruptcy
23 proceeding where any existing lien holder of the property is named as a creditor;

24 (8) The term of the assessment contract shall not exceed the weighted average
25 useful life of the qualified improvements to which the greatest portion of funds disbursed
26 under the assessment contract is attributable, not to exceed twenty years. The clean energy
27 development board shall determine useful life for purposes of this subdivision based upon
28 credible third-party standards or certification criteria that have been established by
29 appropriate government agencies or nationally recognized standards and testing
30 organizations;

31 **(9) The property owner is current on all mortgage debt on the subject property and**
32 **has no more than one late payment during the twelve months immediately preceding the**
33 **application date on any mortgage debt;**

34 **(10) The clean energy development board shall not enter into an assessment**
35 **contract or levy or collect a special assessment for a project without making a finding that**
36 **there are sufficient resources to complete the project and that the estimated economic**
37 **benefit expected from the project during the financing period is equal to or greater than**
38 **the cost of the project; and**

39 **(11) The execution of a residential PACE assessment contract by a property owner**
40 **or owners shall be acknowledged and proved before a notary public.**

41 **3. The property owner executing the PACE assessment contract shall have a three-**
42 **day right to cancel the qualifying improvements proposed for financing under the PACE**
43 **assessment contract. The three-day right to cancel shall expire on or before midnight of**
44 **the third business day after a property owner signs the assessment contract. The clean**
45 **energy development board shall be required to provide a printed form that is presented**
46 **to the property owner no later than the time of signing of the assessment contract detailing**
47 **the property owner's right to cancel. An electronic form may be provided if the owner**
48 **consents electronically to receiving an electronic form.**

49 **4. Prior to the execution of an assessment contract, the clean energy development**
50 **board shall advise the property owner in writing that any delinquent assessment shall be**
51 **a lien on the property subject to the assessment contract and that the obligations under the**
52 **PACE assessment contract continue as an obligation against the improved property if the**
53 **property owner sells or refinances the property and that a purchaser or lender may require**
54 **that before the owner may sell or refinance the property that the owner may be required**
55 **to pay the assessment contract in full.**

56 **5. Prior to the execution of an assessment contract, the clean energy development**
57 **board shall advise the property owner in writing that if the property owner pays his or her**
58 **property taxes and special assessments via a lender or loan servicer's escrow program, the**
59 **special assessment will cause the owner's monthly escrow requirements to increase and**
60 **increase the owner's total monthly payment to the lender or the loan servicer. The clean**
61 **energy development board shall further advise the property owner that if the special**
62 **assessment results in an escrow shortage that the owner will be required to pay the**
63 **shortage in a lump-sum payment or catch-up the shortage over twelve months.**

64 **6. The clean energy development board, within three days of entering an**
65 **assessment contract, shall provide any holder of a first mortgage loan a copy of the**
66 **assessment contract and a statement that includes a brief description of the project, the**

67 cost of the project, the annual assessment that will be levied, and the number of annual
68 assessments. Transmittal shall be by United States mail to the holder of the first mortgage
69 loan of record.

70 7. The clean energy development board shall maintain a public website with
71 current information about the PACE program as the board deems appropriate to inform
72 consumers regarding the PACE program. The website shall list approved contractors for
73 the PACE program. The website shall disclose the process for property owners or their
74 successors to request information about the assessment contract, the status of the
75 assessment contract, and for all questions including contract information to obtain a payoff
76 amount for the release of an assessment contract.

77 8. The clean energy development board, its agents, contractor, or other third party
78 shall not make any representation as to the income tax deductibility of an assessment.

67.2818. 1. Any requirements and consumer protections established by federal law
2 and regulations, and any amendments thereto, applicable to property assessed clean energy
3 financing or similar programs, shall apply to residential assessment contracts made
4 pursuant to sections 67.2800 to 67.2840. Additionally, the clean energy development board
5 shall consider the financial ability of the property owner to repay the assessment contract.

6 2. The clean energy development board shall not enter into an assessment contract
7 or levy or collect a special assessment for a project if the cash price of the residential
8 project is more than twenty percent of the market value in moneys of the property as
9 determined by reference to the county assessment records for tax purposes for the most
10 recent completed assessment by the county assessor.

11 3. The clean energy development board shall not enter into an assessment contract
12 or levy or collect a special assessment for a project if the PACE assessment contract
13 combined with any existing and outstanding indebtedness secured by the property exceeds
14 eighty percent of the current market value of the property as determined by reference to
15 the county assessment records for tax purposes for the most recent completed assessment
16 by the county assessor.

17 4. The clean energy development board shall provide a disclosure form to
18 homeowners that shows the financing terms of the assessment contract including, but not
19 limited to:

20 (1) The total amount funded and borrowed, including the cost of the installed
21 improvements, the program fees, and capitalized interest, if any;

22 (2) The annual tax assessment, billing process, and payment due date;

23 (3) The annual payment amounts;

24 (4) The term of the assessment;

- 25 **(5) The fixed rate of interest charged;**
26 **(6) The annual percentage rate;**
27 **(7) A payment schedule that fully amortizes the amount financed;**
28 **(8) The improvements to be installed;**
29 **(9) A statement that if the property owner sells or refinances the property that the**
30 **owner may be required by a mortgage lender or a purchaser to pay off the assessment as**
31 **a condition of refinancing or sale;**
32 **(10) A statement that no penalty shall be assessed or collected for prepayment of**
33 **the assessment;**
34 **(11) That the PACE annual assessment shall be collected along with property taxes**
35 **and that any taxes and annual assessment not paid on or before December thirty-first shall**
36 **result in a lien on the improved property for the unpaid taxes, unpaid annual assessment,**
37 **interest, and penalties as provided by law;**
38 **(12) That if the owner pays property taxes and insurance through his or her**
39 **mortgage payment and an escrow account, that the special assessment will cause the**
40 **owner's monthly escrow requirements to increase and increase the owner's monthly**
41 **payment to the lender or the loan servicer and that if the special assessment results in an**
42 **escrow shortage that the owner shall be required to pay the shortage in a lump-sum**
43 **payment or catch-up the shortage over twelve months;**
44 **(13) That failure to timely pay the annual assessment and taxes will result in a tax**
45 **lien and penalties and fees being assessed and added to the annual assessment and taxes,**
46 **and that if the delinquency is not paid, the property could be sold at a tax sale resulting in**
47 **issuance of a tax certificate or collector's deed to a purchaser that could result in the**
48 **property owner losing his or her home; and**
49 **(14) That the property owner should seek professional tax advice if he or she has**
50 **questions regarding tax credits related to a PACE project or the tax matters presented by**
51 **the assessment contract or financing agreement and payments thereunder.**
52 **5. The clean energy development board shall be required to present the disclosure**
53 **form to a property owner for acknowledgment prior to the execution of an assessment**
54 **contract.**
55 **6. Before a property owner executes an assessment contract, the clean energy**
56 **development board shall do the following:**
57 **(1) Make a verbal confirmation that at least one owner of the property has a copy**
58 **of the assessment contract documents with all the key terms completed, the financing**
59 **estimate and disclosure form, and the right-to-cancel form with a written copy available**
60 **upon request; and**

61 (2) Make a verbal confirmation of the key terms of the assessment contract, in plain
62 language, with the property owner, or to the verified authorized representative of the
63 owner, and shall obtain acknowledgment from the property owner or representative to
64 whom the verbal confirmation is given.

65 7. The verbal confirmation shall include, but is not limited to, all the following
66 information:

67 (1) The property owner has the right to have other persons present, and an inquiry
68 as to whether the property owner would like to exercise the right to include other
69 individuals. This inquiry shall occur immediately after the determination of the preferred
70 language of communication;

71 (2) The property owner is informed that he or she should review the assessment
72 contract and financing estimate and disclosure form with all other owners of the property;

73 (3) The qualified improvement being installed is being financed by an assessment
74 contract;

75 (4) The total estimated annual costs the property owner will have to pay under the
76 assessment contract, including applicable fees;

77 (5) The total estimated average monthly amount of funds the property owner would
78 have to save in order to pay the annual costs under the assessment contract, including
79 applicable fees;

80 (6) The term of the assessment contract;

81 (7) That payments on the assessment contract shall be made through an additional
82 annual assessment on the property and paid either directly to the county tax collector's
83 office as part of the total annual secured property tax bil, or through the property owner's
84 mortgage escrow account, and that if the property owner pays his or her taxes through an
85 escrow account, he or she should notify his or her mortgage lender to discuss adjusting his
86 or her monthly mortgage payment or otherwise providing additional funds to avoid a
87 shortage in the owner's mortgage escrow account;

88 (8) That the property shall be subject to a lien during the term of the assessment
89 contract for any delinquent assessments;

90 (9) That before the owner may sell or refinance the property, a purchaser or lender
91 may require the obligation under the assessment contract to be paid in full;

92 (10) That the clean energy development board, its agents contractor, or other third
93 party does not provide tax advice, and that the property owner should seek professional
94 tax advice if he or she has questions regarding tax credits related to the project or the tax
95 matters presented by the PACE assessment or assessment contract; and

96 (11) The date the first payment shall be due.

67.2819. 1. The clean energy development board or its agents shall not permit contractors or other third parties to advertise the availability of residential assessment contracts that are administered by the board, or to solicit property owners on behalf of the board, unless both of the following requirements are met:

(1) The contractor maintains any permits, licenses, or registrations required for engaging in its business in the jurisdiction where it operates and maintains bond and insurance coverage in minimum amounts determined by the clean energy development board or higher amounts as required in the jurisdiction where the contractor is licensed or registered; and

(2) The clean energy development board or its agents obtain the contractor's written agreement that the contractor or third party shall act in accordance with chapter 407 and other applicable advertising and marketing laws and regulations.

2. The clean energy development board or its agents shall not provide any direct or indirect cash payment or other thing of material value to a contractor or third party in excess of the actual price charged by that contractor or third party to the property owner for one or more qualified improvements financed by an assessment contract.

3. The clean energy development board or its agents shall not provide to a contractor engaged in soliciting financing agreements on behalf of the clean energy development board or its agents any information that discloses the maximum amount of funds for which a property owner may be eligible for qualifying improvements or the amount of equity in a property.

4. The clean energy development board or its agents shall not reimburse a contractor or third party for expenses for advertising and marketing campaigns that solely benefit the contractor.

5. The clean energy development board or its agents may reimburse a contractor's bona fide and reasonable training expenses related to PACE financing, provided that:

(1) The training expenses are actually incurred by the contractor; and

(2) The reimbursement is paid directly to the contractor, and is not paid to its salespersons or agents.

6. The clean energy development board or its agents shall not provide any direct cash payment or other thing of value to a property owner explicitly conditioned upon the property owner entering into an assessment contract. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection to the contrary, programs or promotions that offer reduced fees or interest rates to property owners are not a direct cash payment or other thing of value, provided that the reduced fee or interest rate is reflected in the assessment contract and in no circumstance provided to the property owner as cash consideration. A contractor shall not

37 provide a different price for a project financed under this section than the contractor
38 would provide if paid in cash by the property owner.

67.2840. 1. Sections 67.2816, 67.2817, 67.2818, and 67.2819 shall be effective and
2 apply to clean energy development boards and participating municipalities after January
3 1, 2022.

4 2. Sections 67.2816, 67.2817, 67.2818, and 67.2819 shall be effective and apply to
5 PACE assessment contracts entered into after January 1, 2022.

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