

A 4688 -- Redline

Introduced to Amended -- Excludes biomass, solar, and wind energy systems located on rooftops or exception areas from certain size restrictions and approval requirements applicable to preserved farmland.*

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KARABINCHAK District 18 (Middlesex) SYNOPSIS ~~_____~~ Excludes biomass, solar, and wind energy systems located on ~~rooftops, rooftops-unpreserved farmland,~~ or exception areas from certain size restrictions applicable to preserved farmland.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT As ~~introduced,~~ reported by the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on May 4, 2026, with amendments.

of this section shall not include energy generated from facilities, structures, or equipment [existing] located on the roofs of buildings or other structures on the ~~farm~~farm~~as~~ as of the date of enactment of P.L.2009, c.213 (C.4:1C-32.4 et al.)] , ~~on~~on unpreserved ~~farmland, farmland, 11~~ or in an exception area. c. A landowner shall seek and obtain the approval of the committee before constructing, installing, and operating biomass, solar, or wind energy generation facilities, structures, and equipment on the farm as allowed pursuant to subsection a.

~~STATEMENT This bill would amend section of P.L.2009, c.213 (C.4:1C-32.4), which authorizes the construction of biomass, solar, and wind energy facilities, structures, and equipment on preserved farmland, in order to exempt facilities, structures, and equipment that are located on rooftops, unpreserved land, or exception areas from the requirement that they be limited:~~

~~(1) in annual energy generation capacity to the previous calendar year's energy demand plus 10 percent; or (2) to occupying no more than one percent of the area of the entire farm. Under this bill, biomass, solar, and wind energy facilities, structures, and equipment that are located on a rooftop, on unpreserved farmland, or in an exception area would not be subject to these statutory size restrictions.~~