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SENATE BILL

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION; REQUIRING ALL NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION TO INCLUDE PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS AND ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES FOR CHARGING ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Construction Industries Licensing Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION--PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS--ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES FOR CHARGING ELECTRIC VEHICLES.--

A. As used in this section, "photovoltaic system" means a power system designed to supply usable solar power to a home that may be a grid-tied, grid-hybrid or off-grid system.

B. All new home construction after July 1, 2021 shall have photovoltaic systems installed that provide at least

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1 one watt per square foot of heated area. The home shall also  
2 include at least one electrical receptacle for charging  
3 electric vehicles.

4 C. The commission shall promulgate rules to modify  
5 New Mexico's adopted National Electrical Code to implement the  
6 provisions of this section."

7 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
8 provisions of this act is July 1, 2021.

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