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SENATE BILL

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION; REQUIRING ALL NEW RESIDENTIAL  
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 RESIDENTIAL 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  
residence that may be a grid-tied, grid-hybrid or an off-grid  
system.

B. All new residential construction after July 1,

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1 2023 shall have photovoltaic systems installed that provide at  
2 least one watt per square foot of heated area. The residence  
3 shall also include at least one electrical receptacle for  
4 charging electric vehicles.

5 C. The electrical bureau shall recommend rules to  
6 be approved by the commission to modify New Mexico's electrical  
7 code to implement the provisions of this section."

8 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
9 provisions of this act is July 1, 2023.