

[(u)](AA) "Retail establishment" means any establishment selling goods or services to the ultimate user or consumer of those goods or services, not for the purpose of resale, but for that user's or consumer's personal rather than business use.

[(v)](BB) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Business and Economic Development.

(CC) (1) "SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT" MEANS, WITH RESPECT TO ANY COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, ANY ADDITION, ALTERATION, OR IMPROVEMENT THAT IS DESIGNED TO USE WIND ENERGY, ENERGY PRODUCED BY A WOOD-BURNING APPLIANCE, OR SOLAR ENERGY, EITHER OF THE ACTIVE TYPE BASED ON MECHANICALLY FORCED ENERGY TRANSFER OR OF THE PASSIVE TYPE BASED ON CONVECTIVE, CONDUCTIVE, OR RADIANT ENERGY TRANSFER, OR SOME COMBINATION OF THESE TYPES, TO REDUCE THE ENERGY REQUIREMENTS OF THE BUILDING.

(2) "SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT" INCLUDES A SOLAR PROCESS HEAT DEVICE, SOLAR ELECTRIC DEVICE, OR ANY EARTH SHELTERED BUILDING IN WHICH THE SHELTERING SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCES THE CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY BY THE BUILDING.

[(w)] (DD) "Transaction" means any transaction with respect to which financial assistance is or will be provided by the Authority under § 5-918 OF this subtitle.

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(a) The General Assembly makes the following findings:

- (1) Conditions of unemployment exist in many areas of the State;
- (2) The acquisition of new facilities and existing facilities is essential to relieve this unemployment and to establish a balanced economy within the State;
- (3) The present and prospective health, happiness, safety, right of gainful employment, and general welfare of the citizens of each of the counties and municipalities of the State will be promoted by the acquisition of facilities;
- (4) The control or abatement of pollution of the environment of the State, including that by noise, is necessary to retain existing industry and commercial enterprises in, and attract new industry and commercial enterprises to, the State and to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the State, to protect the natural resources of the State, and to encourage the economic development of the State;
- (5) The public ports of the State are assets of value to the entire State; the residents of all parts of the State benefit directly from the waterborne commerce that they attract and service; and any improvement to these ports that increases their export and import commerce will benefit the people of the entire State;
- (6) Businesses need greater access to capital markets; and