

TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES
DIVISION 8: UTILITIES

§ 8562. Government Agencies to Employ Energy Efficiency.

All Commonwealth agencies shall use energy cost-effectively. All Commonwealth contracts must explicitly require the installation of and the use of life-cycle, cost-effective energy efficiency technology, including but not limited to the following:

(a) For capital projects, the construction of and/or additions to buildings which meet or exceed the standards required for the certification of the construction as LEED-certified, “silver,” pursuant to the U.S. Green Building Council’s most recent published standards.

(b) For operations and maintenance, energy efficient equipment and supplies that meet EPA Energy Star standards, including high efficiency fluorescent lighting, high efficiency air conditioning, heating and ventilating equipment, double or triple pane coated glass, tightly caulked and sealed wall penetrations, including windows, doors and vents.

Source: PL 15-23, § 2(8662); reenacted without change by PL 15-87 § 2(8662); subsection (a) suspended for one year by PL 16-35 § 2.

Commission Comment: Public Law 16-35, effective on March 27, 2009, contained findings and purpose, severability and savings clause provisions and the following:

Section 2. Suspension. Subsection 8662(a) of Section 2 of Public Law No. 15-23, as amended by Public Law No. 15-87, is hereby suspended for a period of one year from the date that this Act becomes law or until the Department of Public Works obtains a LEED certified professional, whichever comes first.