



Division of Fire Safety

MEMORANDUM

To: All Local Enforcing Agencies, the New Jersey Real Estate Commission, and the New Jersey Association of Realtors

From: Louis Kilmer, Chief, Bureau of Fire Code Enforcement

Date: February 13, 2025

Subject: Secondary Power Source Identification Label Guidance Document

Governor Murphy recently signed into law P.L.2025, c.19 which, among other items, provides labeling requirements for certain residential structures containing secondary power sources. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to fire code officials, realtors, and the general public until regulations can be promulgated. The requirements apply to one- or two-family and attached single family dwellings only, and will be enforced upon a change of occupancy.

A structure used or intended for use for residential purposes by one or two households must have a label installed within 18 inches of the main electrical panel and electrical meter warning of the dangers associated with secondary power sources. A secondary power source may include permanently installed internal combustion generators, solar panels, battery storage systems, or any other supplemental source of electrical energy to the primary power supply. The label must be marked with the wording similar to "CAUTION: MULTIPLE SOURCES OF POWER." and may not be handwritten. A label compliant with

ANSI Z535.4 will meet the requirements of this law and may be referenced in the subsequent regulations.

These requirements already apply to new installations of secondary power sources and have been added to the Uniform Fire Safety Act to provide the same level of protection to our firefighters in existing installations. Labels that meet the requirements are generally available at minimal cost. Any questions can be posed to the Division of Fire Safety at (609) 633-6132 or bfcecodeadmin@dca.nj.gov. Additionally, the Division of Consumer Affairs may be reached at (973) 504-6200 or askconsumeraffairs@dca.njoag.gov.

Thank you.