**S1983** sponsor is Sen Nilsa Cruz-Perez and James Beach; referred to Senate Environment and Energy Committee. “Green Building Tax Credit Act”. On May 16, 2022, reported with a substitution to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

NOTE Similar to **S1896** Retrofitted Green Building Tax Credit Act” Introduced February 24,2020, 2022; – sponsors Sen. Nilsa Cruz-Perez

3.a. Specifies increasing tax credit, when Certified (40-49 points), Silver (50-59points, Gold 60-79 points, or Platinum (> 80 points- all environmental aspects have to be maximized) under the LEED Green Building Rating System or the LEED Residential Green Building Rating System. A new class, “LEED Zero”. First requires “Platinum”, and verifies building is net-zero in Carbon, Energy, Water, and Waste.

7. b. DCA and DEP shall adopt standards for the purposes of this act, with respect to:

(1) Energy Efficiency: comply with Energy Star Homes program of NJ (or the Energy Star program of the EPA, if the NJ program is no longer in effect). EPA Energy Star homes are at least 10% more efficient than homes built to code (and achieve 20% improvement on average). These homes have a complete thermal enclosure system, a high-efficiency heating, ventilation and cooling system, a comprehensive water management system, and energy-efficient lighting and appliances.[[31]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy_Star#cite_note-31)

Other attributes:

(8) Indoor Air Quality: (e): only direct-vent, closed-combustion, or power vented space heating and water heating equipment shall be used, and vent-free space heating or water heating equipment shall not be used;

SOURCES OF LEED and Energy Star Home information:

<https://smart-cre.com/the-4-levels-of-leed-certification-and-how-to-achieve-them/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy_Star#New_homes>