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**Governor Nikki Haley News:**

**The State:** Haley signs bill to ease restriction on solar energy

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/08/06/3604253/haley-signs-bill-to-ease-restriction.html>

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Standing under an array of solar panels outside a Columbia outfitters store Wednesday, Gov. Nikki Haley praised South Carolina's recent efforts to make power from the sun easier for businesses, utilities and homeowners to use.

**Note:** "What we had were a lot of barriers -- barriers that stood in our way when it came to solar energy," Haley told more than 50 environmentalists, utility representatives and solar energy company executives.

**Note:** "When you look at North Carolina and you look at Georgia, they've been doing pretty well when it comes to solar energy -- and they don't have any more sun than we do," the governor said during the event at Half Moon Outfitters, which installed a "solar tree" several years ago to help power the business.

**WBTW:** Solar energy law in effect in SC

<http://www.wbtw.com/story/26218291/solar-energy-law-in-effect-in-sc>

It's now easier for South Carolina businesses, energy companies and homeowners to use the sun as an energy source. Wednesday in Columbia, Governor Nikki Haley ceremonially signed a bill that will allow for solar leasing.

**Note:** "What we had was a lot of barriers, barriers that stood in our way when it came to solar energy," Governor Haley said. "Then we look at the fact that we want to find as many domestic resources as we can when it comes to energy."

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