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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 226

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Offshore Wind” and substitute “Renewable”; in line 14, after “credits;” insert “requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations establishing application procedures and evaluation criteria comparable to the procedures and criteria for offshore wind projects under this Act for Tier 1 renewable source projects and Tier 2 renewable source projects other than offshore wind projects; requiring the Commission to develop a methodology for determining and comparing the cost-effectiveness of proposed renewable energy projects; requiring the Commission to approve the most cost-effective renewable energy project;”; and in line 15, strike “Public Service”.

On page 3 in lines 6 and 10 and on page 4 in line 4, in each instance, strike “Offshore Wind” and substitute “Renewable Energy”.

On page 3, in line 21, strike “offshore wind” and substitute “renewable”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 14, in line 19, after “(1)” insert “**(I) 1. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING:**

A. PROCEDURES THROUGH WHICH INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPLY FOR APPROVAL OF TIER 1 RENEWABLE SOURCE PROJECTS AND TIER 2 RENEWABLE SOURCE PROJECTS OTHER THAN OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS; AND

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B. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING AND COMPARING APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS RECEIVED UNDER ITEM A OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

2. THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA ADOPTED FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE APPROVAL OF OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS.

(II) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP A METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING AND COMPARING THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF PROPOSED OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS AND OTHER TIER 1 RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE PROJECTS AND TIER 2 RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE PROJECTS.

(III) AFTER APPLYING THE METHODOLOGY ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO EVALUATE THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH PROPOSED RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE PROJECT THAT OTHERWISE COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION SHALL APPROVE THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE PROJECT.

(2)”;

and in line 23, strike “(2)” and substitute “(3)”.

On page 15, in line 1, strike “(3)” and substitute “(4)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 16 in line 18, on page 27 in lines 6, 10, 23, and 29, on page 30 in line 15, and on page 32 in line 30, in each instance, strike “**OFFSHORE WIND**” and substitute “**RENEWABLE ENERGY**”.

On page 28, in lines 25 and 26, strike “**MARYLAND BUSINESS COALITION FOR OFFSHORE WIND**” and substitute “**RENEWABLE ENERGY INDUSTRY**”.

On page 29, in line 8, strike “**AN OFFSHORE WIND**” and substitute “**A RENEWABLE ENERGY**”; and in line 14, strike “**OFFSHORE WIND**” and substitute “**RENEWABLE ENERGY**”.

On page 29 in line 31 and on page 30 in lines 22 and 25, in each instance, strike “**OFFSHORE WIND**” and substitute “**RENEWABLE ENERGY**”.

On page 31, in line 12, strike “**QUALIFIED OFFSHORE WIND**”.

On page 32, in line 6, strike “**OFFSHORE WIND**” and substitute “**RENEWABLE**”.

On page 37, in line 19, strike “**Offshore Wind**” and substitute “**Renewable Energy**”.