

# HOUSE BILL 1534

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EMERGENCY BILL

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Solar Water Heating Systems**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “solar water heating system” for purposes  
4 of the renewable energy portfolio standard to include systems that consist of  
5 certain concentrating solar thermal collectors under certain circumstances;  
6 making a stylistic change; making this Act an emergency measure; and  
7 generally relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Public Utilities  
10 Section 7–701(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Public Utilities  
15 Section 7–701(k–1)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Public Utilities**

21 7–701.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (k-1) (1) “Solar water heating system” means a system that:

2 (i) [is comprised] **CONSISTS** of glazed liquid-type flat-plate or  
3 tubular solar collectors **OR CONCENTRATING SOLAR THERMAL COLLECTORS** as  
4 defined and certified to the OG-100 standard of the Solar Ratings and Certification  
5 Corporation;

6 (ii) generates energy using solar radiation for the purpose of  
7 heating water; and

8 (iii) does not feed electricity back to the electric grid.

9 (2) “Solar water heating system” does not include a system that  
10 generates energy using solar radiation for the sole purpose of heating a hot tub or  
11 swimming pool.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
13 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
14 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
15 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
16 the date it is enacted.