

SENATE BILL 688

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By: **Senator Hershey**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2018

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the renewable energy portfolio standard percentage derived
4 from Tier 1 renewable sources for certain years; extending the renewable energy
5 portfolio standard percentage derived from Tier 2 renewable sources for certain
6 years; and generally relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Public Utilities

9 Section 7–703(b)(13)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Public Utilities

14 Section 7–703(b)(14) and (15)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Public Utilities**

20 7–703.

21 (b) The renewable energy portfolio standard shall be as follows:

22 (13) in 2018:

23 (i) 15.8% from Tier 1 renewable sources, including:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 1. at least 1.5% derived from solar energy; and
- 2 2. an amount set by the Commission under § 7–704.2(a) of
3 this subtitle, not to exceed 2.5%, derived from offshore wind energy; and
- 4 (ii) 2.5% from Tier 2 renewable sources;
- 5 (14) in 2019[.]:
- 6 (I) [20.4%] **17.9%** from Tier 1 renewable sources, including:
- 7 [(i)] 1. at least 1.95% derived from solar energy; and
- 8 [(ii)] 2. an amount set by the Commission under § 7–704.2(a) of
9 this subtitle, not to exceed 2.5%, derived from offshore wind energy; and
- 10 (II) **2.5% FROM TIER 2 RENEWABLE SOURCES; AND**
- 11 (15) in 2020 and later[.]:
- 12 (I) [25%] **22.5%** from Tier 1 renewable sources, including:
- 13 [(i)] 1. at least 2.5% derived from solar energy; and
- 14 [(ii)] 2. an amount set by the Commission under § 7–704.2(a) of
15 this subtitle, not to exceed 2.5%, derived from offshore wind energy; **AND**
- 16 (II) **2.5% FROM TIER 2 RENEWABLE SOURCES.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2018.