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Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Tier 1 Eligibility

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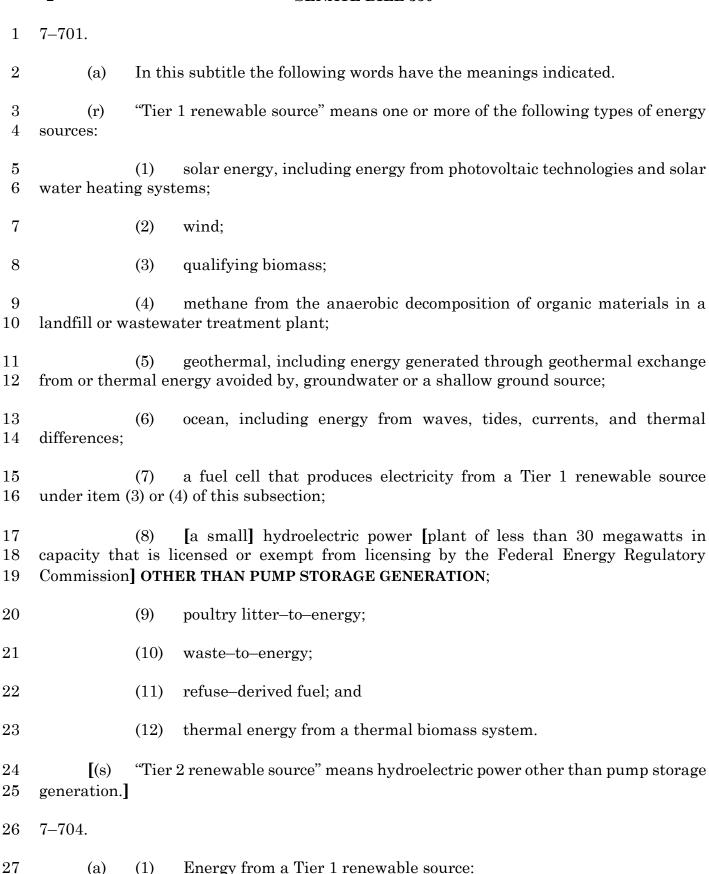
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3 4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of altering the definition of a "Tier 1 renewable source" for purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard; adding certain hydroelectric power as a Tier 1 renewable source; repealing an obsolete definition; repealing obsolete language; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard.
8	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9	Article – Public Utilities
0	Section 7–701(a)
1	Annotated Code of Maryland
12	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
13	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
4	Article – Public Utilities
15	Section 7–701(r) and 7–704(a)
6	Annotated Code of Maryland
. 7	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
18	BY repealing
9	Article – Public Utilities
20	Section $7-701(s)$
21	Annotated Code of Maryland
22	(2010 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
23	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
24	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Public Utilities

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





28 (i) is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio 29 standard regardless of when the generating system or facility was placed in service; and

- 1 (ii) may be applied to the percentage requirements of the standard 2 for [either] Tier 1 renewable sources [or Tier 2 renewable sources].
- 3 (2) (i) Energy from a Tier 1 renewable source under § 7–701(r)(1), (5), 4 (9), (10), or (11) of this subtitle is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard only if the source is connected with the electric distribution grid serving 6 Maryland.
- 7 (ii) If the owner of a solar generating system in this State chooses to 8 sell solar renewable energy credits from that system, the owner must first offer the credits 9 for sale to an electricity supplier or electric company that shall apply them toward compliance with the renewable energy portfolio standard under § 7–703 of this subtitle.
- 11 (3) Energy from a Tier 1 renewable source under § 7–701(r)(8) of this 12 subtitle is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard if it is 13 generated at a dam that existed as of January 1, 2004, even if a system or facility that is 14 capable of generating electricity did not exist on that date.
- [(4) Energy from a Tier 2 renewable source under § 7–701(s) of this subtitle is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard through 2018 if it is generated at a system or facility that existed and was operational as of January 1, 2004, even if the facility or system was not capable of generating electricity on that date.]
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019, and shall apply to all renewable portfolio standard compliance years that begin on or after January 1, 2020.