## **SENATE BILL 616**

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By: Senators Hough, Corderman, Kagan, Pinsky, Simonaire, West, and Young Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2022

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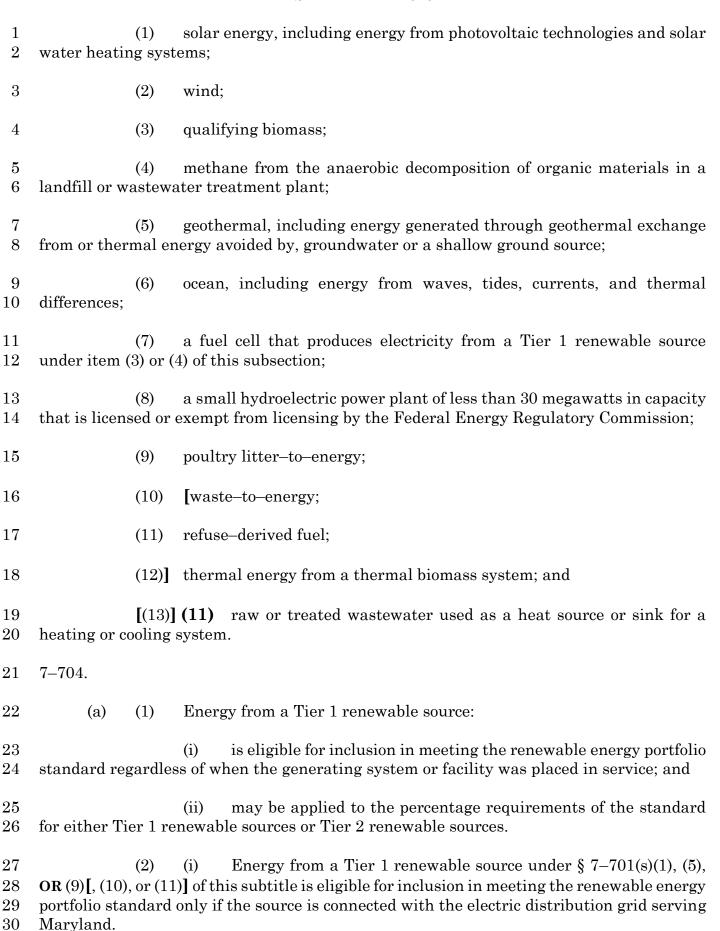
## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Eligible Sources – Waste–to–Energy and Refuse–Derived Fuel
4 5 6	FOR the purpose of making energy derived from waste—to—energy or refuse—derived fuel ineligible for the creation of credits under the renewable energy portfolio standard; and generally relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard.
7 8 9 10 11	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Public Utilities Section 7–701(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
12 13 14 15 16	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Public Utilities Section 7–701(s) and 7–704(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
17 18	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND. That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
19	Article - Public Utilities
20	7–701.
21	(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
22 23	(s) "Tier 1 renewable source" means one or more of the following types of energy sources:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





1	(ii) Energy from a Tier 1 renewable source under [§ 7–701(s)(13)] §
2	7-701(S)(11) of this subtitle is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy
3	portfolio standard only if the source:
4	1. is connected with the electric distribution grid serving
5	Maryland; or
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6	2. processes wastewater from Maryland residents.
7	(iii) 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
10	compliance with the renewable energy portfolio standard under § 7–703 of this subtitle.
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11	(3) Energy from a Tier 1 renewable source under § 7–701(s)(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.
15	(4) Energy from a Tier 2 renewable source under § 7–701(t) of this subtitle
16	is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard if it is generated
17	at a system or facility that existed and was operational as of January 1, 2004, even if the
18	facility or system was not capable of generating electricity on that date.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a presently existing obligation

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

October 1, 2022, and shall be applicable to all renewable energy portfolio standard

or contract right may not be impaired in any way by this Act.

compliance years beginning after December 31, 2022.

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