

BY: Delegate Edwards

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 476, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, strike beginning with “from” in line 13 down through “surcharge” in line 14; strike in their entirety lines 21 through 25, inclusive; and in line 28, strike “7-203”.

On page 1 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments (HB0476/403590/1), in Amendment No. 1, strike beginning with “altering” in line 3 down through “program;” in line 8; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 16 down through “circumstances;” in line 18; and in line 22, strike the third “and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, strike Amendment No. 2 in its entirety.

On pages 2 through 5 of the bill, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 2 through line 2 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“Article - Public Utility Companies”.

On page 5 of the bill, in lines 22 and 23, strike “OR TIER 2 RENEWABLE SOURCE”.

On page 6 of the bill, in line 12, strike the first comma and substitute “AND”; in the same line, strike “, AND FARMERS”; in line 20, after “PURCHASE” insert “RENEWABLE”; strike beginning with “MAKE” in line 21 down through “(4)” in line 24; in line 24, after “ON” insert “RENEWABLE”; in lines 26, 28, and 32, strike “(5)”, “(6)”, and “(8)”, respectively, and substitute “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively; and strike in their entirety lines 30 and 31.

On page 7 of the bill, in lines 1 and 4, strike “(9)” and “(10)”, respectively, and substitute “(7)” and “(8)”, respectively; in lines 1 and 2, strike “AND MODERATE-INCOME RESIDENTS”;

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in line 5, after “EFFICIENCY;” insert “OR”; strike in their entirety lines 6 through 8, inclusive; and in line 9, strike “(12)” and substitute “(9)”.

On page 8 of the bill, in line 4, after “(A)” insert “(1)”; after line 5, insert:

“(2) IN MAKING GRANTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSIDER:

(1) AN ALLOCATION OF GRANT ASSISTANCE AMONG PROPOSED COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS BASED ON PROJECTED ENERGY COST SAVINGS OR PROJECTED INCREASES IN RENEWABLE ENERGY USE OR PRODUCTION; AND

(II) THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT ASSISTANCE.”;

in line 26, after “(B)” insert “(1)”; and after line 28, insert:

“(2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT SPEND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES MORE THAN 10% OF THE FUNDS PLACED IN THE FUND.”.

On page 9 of the bill, strike beginning with “TRANSFERRED” in line 1 down through “ARTICLE” in line 3 and substitute “APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND”; in line 4, strike “AND”; after line 4, insert:

“(3) MONEY DIRECTED TO THE FUND IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION;

(4) MONEY TRANSFERRED FROM THE RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND UNDER § 7-707 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES ARTICLE, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET; AND”;

in line 5, strike “(3)” and substitute “(5)”; after line 12, insert:

“(H) THE FUND IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND BUDGETING ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET

AND MANAGEMENT.

(1) (1) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL CONDUCT POST AUDITS OF A FISCAL AND COMPLIANCE NATURE OF THE FUND AND OF THE APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) THE COST OF THE FISCAL PORTION OF THE POST AUDIT EXAMINATIONS SHALL BE AN OPERATING COST OF THE FUND.”;

strike in their entirety lines 13 through 21, inclusive; and in lines 22 and 29, strike “3.” and “4.”, respectively, and substitute “2.” and “3.”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 11 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, in line 21 of Amendment No. 3, strike “(1)”.

On page 12 of the Economic Matters Committee Amendments, strike beginning with “(2)” in line 2 of Amendment No. 3 down through “ARTICLE.” in line 9.