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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alternative Energy Acceleration Act**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the renewable energy portfolio standard by increasing the
4 percentages of electricity sales that must be met in certain years through the
5 accumulation of renewable energy credits from certain sources; and generally
6 relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Public Utility Companies
9 Section 7–703(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Public Utility Companies
14 Section 7–703(b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1998 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Public Utility Companies**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 7-703.

2 (a) (1) (i) The Commission shall implement a renewable energy
3 portfolio standard that, except as provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection,
4 applies to all retail electricity sales in the State by electricity suppliers.

5 (ii) If the standard becomes applicable to electricity sold to a
6 customer after the start of a calendar year, the standard does not apply to electricity
7 sold to the customer during that portion of the year before the standard became
8 applicable.

9 (2) A renewable energy portfolio standard may not apply to electricity
10 sales at retail by any electricity supplier:

11 (i) in excess of 300,000,000 kilowatt-hours of industrial process
12 load to a single customer in a year;

13 (ii) to residential customers in a region of the State in which
14 electricity prices for residential customers are subject to a freeze or cap contained in a
15 settlement agreement entered into under § 7-505 of this title until the freeze or cap
16 has expired; or

17 (iii) to a customer served by an electric cooperative under an
18 electricity supplier purchase agreement that existed on October 1, 2004, until the
19 expiration of the agreement.

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

21 (1) in 2006, 1% from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from Tier 2
22 renewable sources;

23 (2) in 2007, 1% from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from Tier 2
24 renewable sources;

25 (3) in 2008, [2%] **3%** from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from
26 Tier 2 renewable sources;

27 (4) in 2009, [2%] **4%** from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from
28 Tier 2 renewable sources;

1 (5) in 2010, [~~3%~~] **5%** from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from
2 Tier 2 renewable sources;

3 (6) in 2011, [~~3%~~] **6%** from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from
4 Tier 2 renewable sources;

5 (7) in 2012, [~~4%~~] **7%** from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from
6 Tier 2 renewable sources;

7 (8) in 2013, [~~4%~~] **8%** from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from
8 Tier 2 renewable sources;

9 (9) in 2014, [~~5%~~] **9%** from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from
10 Tier 2 renewable sources;

11 (10) in 2015, [~~5%~~] **10%** from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from
12 Tier 2 renewable sources;

13 (11) in 2016, [~~6%~~] **11%** from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from
14 Tier 2 renewable sources;

15 (12) in 2017, [~~6%~~] **12%** from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from
16 Tier 2 renewable sources;

17 (13) in 2018, [~~7%~~] **13%** from Tier 1 renewable sources and 2.5% from
18 Tier 2 renewable sources; and

19 (14) in 2019 and later, [~~7.5%~~] **15%** from Tier 1 renewable sources and
20 0% from Tier 2 renewable sources.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2007.