

# HOUSE BILL 1057

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Net Energy Metering - Micro Combined Heat and Power**

3 FOR the purpose of including a customer that uses a certain micro heat and power  
4 electric generating facility that meets certain conditions among the list of  
5 eligible customer-generators that are eligible for net energy metering; defining  
6 a certain term; and generally relating to net energy metering.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Public Utility Companies  
9 Section 7-306(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article - Public Utility Companies  
14 Section 7-306(b)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2008 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**

20 7-306.

21 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (2) "Biomass" means "qualified biomass" as defined in § 7-701 of this  
23 title.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (3)   “Eligible customer-generator” means a customer [that owns and  
2 operates or leases and operates] **USES** a biomass, **MICRO COMBINED HEAT AND**  
3 **POWER**, solar, or wind electric generating facility that:

4                   (i)   is located on the customer’s premises **OR CONTIGUOUS**  
5 **PROPERTY**;

6                   (ii)   is interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric  
7 company’s transmission and distribution facilities; and

8                   (iii)   is intended primarily to offset all or part of the customer’s  
9 own electricity requirements.

10           (4)   “**MICRO COMBINED HEAT AND POWER**” **MEANS THE**  
11 **SIMULTANEOUS OR SEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION OF HEAT AND ELECTRICITY NOT**  
12 **EXCEEDING 30 KILOWATTS.**

13           [(4)] (5)   “Net energy metering” means measurement of the difference  
14 between the electricity that is supplied by an electric company and the electricity that  
15 is generated by an eligible customer-generator and fed back to the electric company  
16 over the eligible customer-generator’s billing period.

17           (b)   The General Assembly finds and declares that a program to provide net  
18 energy metering for eligible customer-generators is a means to encourage private  
19 investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate in-State economic growth,  
20 enhance continued diversification of the State’s energy resource mix, and reduce costs  
21 of interconnection and administration.

22           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 July 1, 2009.