

SENATE BILL 771

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By: **Senator Edwards**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utility Companies – Wind Turbines – Performance Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission and the Department of
4 the Environment to develop jointly certain general performance standards for
5 wind-powered electric generating turbines erected in the State; requiring the
6 Commission to adopt certain standards by regulation; and generally relating to
7 general performance standards for wind turbines erected in the State.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Utility Companies
10 Section 7–213
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Utility Companies**

16 **7–213.**

17 (A) **THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**
18 **SHALL DEVELOP JOINTLY GENERAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR**
19 **WIND-POWERED ELECTRIC GENERATING TURBINES ERECTED IN THE STATE,**
20 **INCLUDING STANDARDS FOR:**

21 (1) **INDIVIDUAL TURBINE ELECTRICITY GENERATING CAPACITY;**

22 (2) **TURBINE TYPE OR MODEL;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(3) TOWER HEIGHT;**
- 2 **(4) NUMBER AND SIZE OF BLADES;**
- 3 **(5) ROTOR DIAMETER;**
- 4 **(6) NOISE;**
- 5 **(7) LIGHTING ON AND NEAR TURBINES; AND**
- 6 **(8) SETBACKS.**

7 **(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT THE STANDARDS DEVELOPED**
8 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION BY REGULATION.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2009.