

SENATE BILL 981

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By: **Senator Garagiola**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Service Companies – Net Energy Metering**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of eligible customer-generator; and
4 generally relating to net energy metering.

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Public Utility Companies
12 Section 7–306(b)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Public Utility Companies**

18 7–306.

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

20 (2) “Biomass” means “qualified biomass” as defined in § 7–701 of this
21 title.

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, solar, or wind electric generating
3 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) “Net energy metering” means measurement of the difference
11 between the electricity that is supplied by an electric company and the electricity that
12 is generated by an eligible customer-generator and fed back to the electric company
13 over the eligible customer-generator’s billing period.

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

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