

# SENATE BILL 981

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By: **Senator Garagiola**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 (3) "Eligible customer-generator" means a customer that ~~owns and~~  
4 ~~operates or, leases and operates~~ **USES, OR CONTRACTS WITH A THIRD PARTY THAT**  
5 **OWNS AND OPERATES** a biomass, solar, or wind electric generating facility that:

6 (i) is located on the customer's premises **OR CONTIGUOUS**  
7 **PROPERTY;**

8 (ii) is interconnected and operated in parallel with an electric  
9 company's transmission and distribution facilities; and

10 (iii) is intended primarily to offset all or part of the customer's  
11 own electricity requirements.

12 (4) "Net energy metering" means measurement of the difference  
13 between the electricity that is supplied by an electric company and the electricity that  
14 is generated by an eligible customer-generator and fed back to the electric company  
15 over the eligible customer-generator's billing period.

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.