

**HB0441/613220/1**

BY: Delegate Rudolph

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 441  
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 22, in line 25, after “That” insert “:

(a) (1) On receipt of an application for approval of a qualified offshore wind project under § 7-704.1(a)(2) of the Public Utilities Article, as enacted by this Act, the sum of the lesser of \$3,000,000 and the balance available in the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund for development of renewable and clean energy programs under § 9-20B-05 of the State Government Article shall be transferred from the Fund to the Public Service Commission in order to contract services of independent consultants and experts necessary to carry out this Act.

(2) The sum transferred under paragraph (1) of this subsection is in addition to any amounts transferred from the Maryland Offshore Wind Business Development Fund under § 5-1403(h) of the Economic Development Article, as enacted by this Act, from money derived from the Exelon-Constellation merger approved by the Public Service Commission in Case No. 9721, Order 84698 on February 17, 2012.

(b) (1) Subject to subsection (a) of this section, and”;

in line 30, after “Act.” insert:

“(2)”;

in the same line, after “\$3,000,000” insert “less all amounts transferred to the Commission under subsection (a) of this section”; and in line 32, strike “(1)” and substitute “(i)”.

On page 23, in line 1, strike “(2)” and substitute “(ii)”.