

SB1004/677671/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1004
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “Qualifying”; in lines 4, 6, 9, and 13, strike “qualifying”; in line 7, after “system” insert “is eligible to receive a certain renewable energy credit under certain circumstances; specifying that a certain person that is eligible to receive a certain renewable energy credit”; in lines 7 and 8, strike “under certain circumstances” and substitute “equal to a certain amount”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 7 through 17, inclusive, and substitute:

“(H-1) “THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEM” MEANS A SYSTEM THAT:

(1) USES PRIMARILY ANIMAL MANURE, INCLUDING POULTRY LITTER, AND ASSOCIATED BEDDING TO GENERATE THERMAL ENERGY;

(2) IS USED IN THE STATE; AND

(3) COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS, AS DETERMINED BY THE APPROPRIATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY.”;

and in lines 23 and 24, strike “, INCLUDING QUALIFYING THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEMS”.

On page 3, in line 7, strike “and”; in line 8, after “fuel” insert “**; AND**”

(Over)

(12) THERMAL ENERGY FROM A THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEM;

in lines 10, 16, 19, and 24, strike “QUALIFYING”; after line 12, insert:

“(2) (I) A PERSON THAT OWNS AND OPERATES A THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEM THAT USES ANAEROBIC DIGESTION IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT.

(II) A PERSON THAT OWNS AND OPERATES A THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEM THAT USES A THERMOCHEMICAL PROCESS IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT IF THE PERSON DEMONSTRATES TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT THAT THE OPERATION OF THE THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEM:

1. IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTING TO LOCAL OR REGIONAL AIR QUALITY IMPAIRMENTS; AND

2. WILL SUBSTANTIALLY DECREASE EMISSIONS OF OXIDES OF NITROGEN BEYOND THAT ACHIEVED BY A DIRECT BURN COMBUSTION UNIT THROUGH THE USE OF PRECOMBUSTION TECHNIQUES, COMBUSTION TECHNIQUES, OR POSTCOMBUSTION TECHNIQUES.”;

in lines 13, 18, and 23, strike “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively; and in lines 13 and 14, strike “OWNS AND OPERATES A QUALIFYING THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEM” and substitute “IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION”.