

**HB1007/543391/1**

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1007

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 10, after “standard;” insert “altering the methods by which the Public Service Commission shall determine certain energy savings;”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 13 down through “regulations;” in line 14 and substitute “providing for regulation and enforcement of certain requirements by the Department of Labor; clarifying who is eligible to receive certain renewable energy credits under certain circumstances;”; strike beginning with the second “requiring” in line 16 down through “State;” in line 18; and in line 31, after “date;” insert “providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by this Act;”.

On page 2, in line 10, strike “7–705(b), and 7–712” and substitute “and 7–705(b)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 24, strike “**JANUARY**” and substitute “**JULY**”.

On page 6, in lines 15 and 21, strike “**0.15%**” and “**0.25%**”, respectively, and substitute “**0.05%**” and “**0.15%**”, respectively.

On page 7, in lines 1, 7, and 14, strike “**0.50%**”, “**0.75%**”, and “**1%**”, respectively, and substitute “**0.25%**”, “**0.5%**”, and “**0.75%**”, respectively.

On page 9, in line 19, strike “system” and substitute “**PORTION OF THE SYSTEM THAT CONSISTS OF:**”

**1. A CLOSED LOOP OR A SERIES OF CLOSED LOOP SYSTEMS IN WHICH FLUID IS PERMANENTLY CONFINED WITHIN A PIPE OR TUBING AND DOES NOT COME IN CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE ENVIRONMENT; OR**

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**2. AN OPEN LOOP SYSTEM IN WHICH GROUND OR SURFACE WATER IS CIRCULATED IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE MANNER DIRECTLY INTO THE FACILITY AND RETURNED TO THE SAME AQUIFER OR SURFACE WATER SOURCE**”;

and in line 22, strike “Internet-based”.

On page 10, in line 15, strike “, AT THE TIME OF INSTALLATION,”; in line 16, strike “IS CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION AS PROVIDING” and substitute “**PROVIDES**”.

On page 11, strike beginning with “**THE**” in line 4 down through “**PARAGRAPH**” in line 6 and substitute “**COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE REGULATED AND ENFORCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**”.

On page 13, in line 21, strike “**AND 2023**” and substitute “**THROUGH 2024**”; in line 22, strike “**2024**” and substitute “**2025**”; in line 23, strike “**2025**” and substitute “**2026**”; and in line 24, strike “**2026**” and substitute “**2027**”.

On pages 13 and 14, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 13 through line 12 on page 14, inclusive.

On page 14, strike beginning with “**SUPPORT**” in line 26 down through “**OF**” in line 28 and substitute “**PROMOTE INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL, MINORITY, WOMEN-OWNED, AND VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE STATE THAT INSTALL GEOTHERMAL SYSTEMS IN**”.

On page 16, in line 25, after “industry,” insert “**and**”; strike beginning with “at” in line 26 down through “5.” in line 28; in line 29, strike “and”; and in line 30, after “(v)”

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insert “two representatives selected by the Baltimore–D.C. Metro Building and Construction Trades Council;

(vi) one representative selected by the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL–CIO; and

(vii)”.

On page 17, in line 17, strike the second “and”; and in line 18, after “(iv)” insert “examine methods for the Department of Labor to require that geothermal installers adhere to the labor and apprenticeship requirements for large–scale geothermal projects required under § 7–704(h)(6) of the Public Utilities Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act;

(v) examine methods to promote increased opportunities for the growth and development of small, minority, women–owned, and veteran–owned businesses in the State that will install geothermal systems in the State and will promote career training opportunities in the geothermal industry for local residents, minorities, women, and veterans, including developing a baseline survey of the current levels of participation of these businesses and workers in the State; and

(vi)”.

On page 18, after line 8, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a presently existing obligation or contract right may not be impaired in any way by this Act.”;

and in line 9, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”.