

Chapter 174

(House Bill 376)

AN ACT concerning

Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Municipal Electric Utilities

FOR the purpose of setting the renewable energy portfolio standard for municipal electric utilities for certain years; and generally relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–703(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Utilities

7–703.

(e) (1) The required percentage of an electric cooperative’s renewable energy portfolio standard derived from solar energy shall be 2.5% in 2020 and later.

(2) THE REQUIRED PERCENTAGE OF A MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY’S RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD SHALL BE:

(i) IN 2021:

1. 20.4% FROM TIER 1 RENEWABLE SOURCES, INCLUDING:

A. AT LEAST 1.95% DERIVED FROM SOLAR ENERGY; AND

B. AN AMOUNT SET BY THE COMMISSION UNDER § 7–704.2(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, NOT TO EXCEED 2.5%, DERIVED FROM OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY; AND

2. 2.5% FROM TIER 2 RENEWABLE SOURCES; AND

(II) IN 2022 AND LATER, 20.4% FROM TIER 1 RENEWABLE SOURCES, INCLUDING:

- 1. AT LEAST 1.95% DERIVED FROM SOLAR ENERGY; AND**
- 2. AN AMOUNT SET BY THE COMMISSION UNDER § 7-704.2(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, NOT TO EXCEED 2.5%, DERIVED FROM OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.