## **HOUSE BILL 864**

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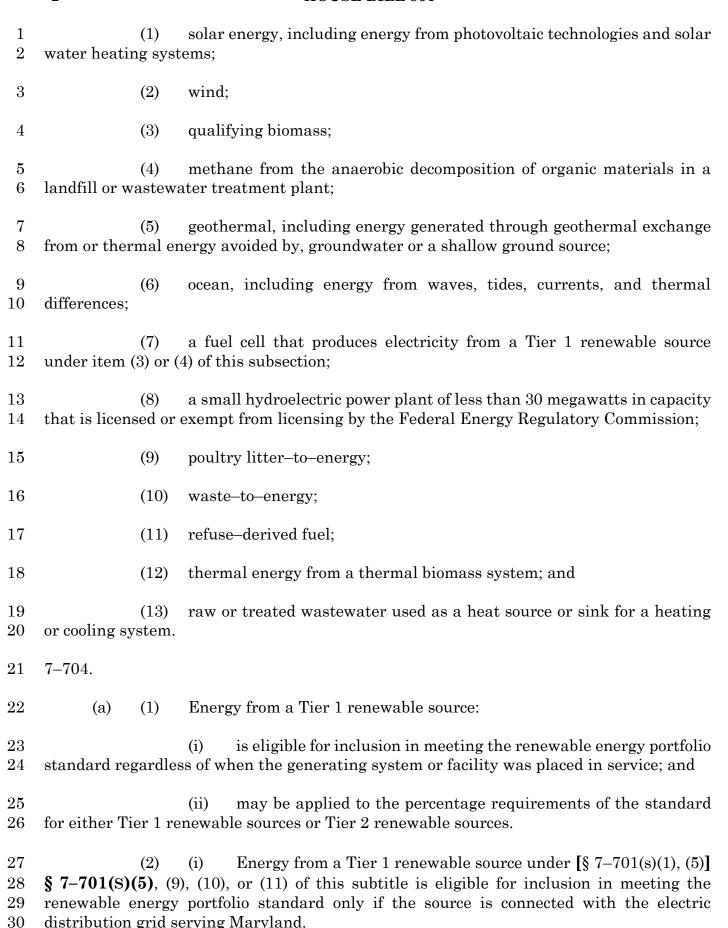
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Renewable Energy Credits - Solar Energy Sources
4 5 6	FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility of solar energy sources for meeting certain portions of Tier 1 requirements of the renewable energy portfolio standard; and generally relating to solar energy and the renewable energy portfolio standard.
7 8 9 10 11	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Public Utilities Section 7–701(a) and (s) Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
12 13 14 15 16	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Public Utilities Section 7–704(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
17 18	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
19	Article - Public Utilities
20	7–701.
21	(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
22 23	(s) "Tier 1 renewable source" means one or more of the following types of energy sources:





1	(ii) Energy from a Tier 1 renewable source under § 7–701(s)(13) of
2	this subtitle is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard
3	only if the source:

- 4 1. is connected with the electric distribution grid serving 5 Maryland; or
- 6 2. processes wastewater from Maryland residents.
- 7 (iii) If the owner of a solar generating system in this State chooses to 8 sell solar renewable energy credits from that system, the owner must first offer the credits 9 for sale to an electricity supplier or electric company that shall apply them toward 10 compliance with the renewable energy portfolio standard under § 7–703 of this subtitle.
- 11 (3) Energy from a Tier 1 renewable source under § 7–701(s)(8) of this 12 subtitle is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard if it is 13 generated at a dam that existed as of January 1, 2004, even if a system or facility that is 14 capable of generating electricity did not exist on that date.
- 15 (4) ENERGY FROM A TIER 1 RENEWABLE SOURCE UNDER § 7–701(s)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS ELIGIBLE FOR INCLUSION IN MEETING THE PERCENTAGE DERIVED FROM SOLAR ENERGY OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD ONLY IF THE SOURCE IS CONNECTED WITH THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION GRID SERVING MARYLAND.
- [(4)] (5) Energy from a Tier 2 renewable source under § 7–701(t) of this subtitle is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard if it is generated at a system or facility that existed and was operational as of January 1, 2004, even if the facility or system was not capable of generating electricity on that date.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years starting on or after January 1, 2022.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.