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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 841, AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2 of the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment Amendments (SB0841/423325/1), in line 9 of Amendment No. 1, after “use;” insert “decreasing the renewable energy portfolio standard for Tier 1 renewable sources for certain years”.

On page 5 of the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment Amendments, in the seventh line from the bottom of Amendment No. 1, after “7-510.3(o),” insert “7-703(b)(22) through (25),”.

On page 6 of the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment Amendments, in line 2 of Amendment No. 1, after “7-505(b)(1),” insert “7-703(a)(1)(i),”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 139 of the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment Amendments, after the seventh line from the bottom of Amendment No. 2, insert:

“7-703.

(a) (1) (i) The Commission shall implement a renewable energy portfolio standard that, except as provided under paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, applies to all retail electricity sales in the State by electricity suppliers.

(b) Except as provided in subsections (e) and (f) of this section, the renewable energy portfolio standard shall be as follows:

(22) in 2027:

(i) [41.5%] 26% from Tier 1 renewable sources, including:

1. at least 9.5% derived from solar energy;
2. an amount set by the Commission under § 7-704.2(a) of this subtitle derived from offshore wind energy, including at least 400 megawatts of Round 2 offshore wind projects; and

3. at least 0.75% derived from post-2022 geothermal systems; and

(ii) 2.5% from Tier 2 renewable sources;

(23) in 2028:

(i) [43%] 27.5% from Tier 1 renewable sources, including:

1. at least 11% derived from solar energy;
2. an amount set by the Commission under § 7-704.2(a) of this subtitle derived from offshore wind energy, including at least 800 megawatts of Round 2 offshore wind projects; and

3. at least 1% derived from post-2022 geothermal systems; and

(ii) 2.5% from Tier 2 renewable sources;

(24) in 2029:

(i) [49.5%] 34% from Tier 1 renewable sources, including:

1. at least 12.5% derived from solar energy;
2. an amount set by the Commission under § 7-704.2(a) of this subtitle derived from offshore wind energy, including at least 800 megawatts of Round 2 offshore wind projects; and

3. at least 1% derived from post-2022 geothermal systems; and

(ii) 2.5% from Tier 2 renewable sources; and

(25) in 2030 and later:

(i) [50%] 34.5% from Tier 1 renewable sources, including:

1. at least 14.5% derived from solar energy;

2. an amount set by the Commission under § 7-704.2(a) of this subtitle derived from offshore wind energy, including at least 1,200 megawatts of Round 2 offshore wind projects; and

3. at least 1% derived from post-2022 geothermal systems; and

(ii) 2.5% from Tier 2 renewable sources.”.

On page 189 of the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment Amendments, after the fifth line from the bottom of Amendment No. 2, insert:

“SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a presently existing obligation or contract right may not be impaired in any way by this Act.

SECTION 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That § 7-703 of the Public Utilities Article, as enacted by Section 4 of this Act, shall apply to all renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years beginning after December 31, 2026.”;

and in the fourth line from the bottom, strike “18.” and substitute “20.”.

On page 190 of the Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment Amendments, in lines 3 and 11 of Amendment No. 2, strike “19.” and “20.”, respectively, and substitute “21.” and “22.”, respectively.