SENATE BILL 669

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By: **Senators Harris and Brooks**
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program – Eligibility and Generating Capacity

FOR the purpose of extending the deadline by which a solar energy generating system must be placed in service to be eligible for certification under the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program; increasing the total amount of in–State generating capacity for certain solar energy generating systems; and generally relating to the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–709.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Utilities
Section 7–709.1(d) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Utilities

7–709.1.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Brownfield" has the meaning stated in § 7–207 of this title.

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

(3) "Certified SREC" means a solar renewable energy credit generated by a certified system.

(4) "Certified system" means a solar energy generating system certified by the Commission under the Program to generate certified SRECs with the compliance value specified in subsection (c) of this section.

(5) "Program" means the Small Solar Energy Generating System Incentive Program.

(d) To be eligible for certification under the Program, a solar energy generating system shall:

(1) be located in the State;

(2) be eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard;

(3) have a generating capacity of 5 megawatts or less, as measured by the alternating current rating of the system's inverter;

(4) be placed in service between July 1, 2024, and January 1, **[**2028**]** **2031**, inclusive; and

(5) be one of the following types of systems:

(i) a system with a generating capacity of 20 kilowatts or less, as measured by the alternating current rating of the system's inverter;

(ii) a system with a generating capacity of 2 megawatts or less, as measured by the alternating current rating of the system's inverter, if the system is used for aggregate net metering; or

(iii) a system with a generating capacity of between 20 kilowatts and 5 megawatts, as measured by the alternating current rating of the system's inverter, if the system is located on or over:

1. a rooftop;

2. a parking canopy;

3. a brownfield; or

4. a water retention pond or quarry currently or previously designated for industrial use.

(g) The total amount of in–State generating capacity for certified systems, as measured by the alternating current rating of the systems' inverters, under the Program may not exceed:

(1) 300 megawatts for systems with a generating capacity of less than 20 kilowatts, as measured by the alternating current rating of the system's inverter; and

(2) **[**270**]** **540** megawatts for systems with a generating capacity of between 20 kilowatts and 5 megawatts, as measured by the alternating current rating of the system's inverter.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.