

# SENATE BILL 706

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By: **Senator Hershey**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of decreasing the renewable energy portfolio standard for Tier 1  
4 renewable sources for certain years; and generally relating to the renewable energy  
5 portfolio standard.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Public Utilities  
8 Section 7–703(a)(1)(i)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Public Utilities  
13 Section 7–703(b)(22) through (25)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Public Utilities**

19 7–703.

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(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:

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

2 1. at least 14.5% derived from solar energy;

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

6 3. at least 1% derived from post–2022 geothermal systems;  
7 and

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

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a presently existing obligation  
10 or contract right may not be impaired in any way by this Act.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all renewable energy portfolio standard  
13 compliance years beginning after December 31, 2026.