

SENATE BILL 677

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Municipal Electric Utilities**

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

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Public Utilities
8 Section 7–703(e)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Public Utilities**

14 7–703.

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

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

19 **(I) IN 2020:**

20 **1. 20.4% FROM TIER 1 RENEWABLE SOURCES,**
21 **INCLUDING:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

2 **B. AN AMOUNT SET BY THE COMMISSION UNDER §**
3 **7-704.2(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, NOT TO EXCEED 2.5%, DERIVED FROM OFFSHORE**
4 **WIND ENERGY; AND**

5 **2. 2.5% FROM TIER 2 RENEWABLE SOURCES; AND**

6 **(II) IN 2021 AND LATER, 20.4% FROM TIER 1 RENEWABLE**
7 **SOURCES, INCLUDING:**

8 **1. AT LEAST 1.95% DERIVED FROM SOLAR ENERGY; AND**

9 **2. AN AMOUNT SET BY THE COMMISSION UNDER §**
10 **7-704.2(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, NOT TO EXCEED 2.5%, DERIVED FROM OFFSHORE**
11 **WIND ENERGY.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2020.