

SENATE BILL 814

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By: **Senator M. Washington**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Utilities – Definition of Qualified Offshore Wind Project – Alteration**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “qualified offshore wind project” for purposes
4 of the renewable energy portfolio standard and the development of offshore wind in
5 the State; and generally relating to offshore wind projects.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Public Utilities
8 Section 7–701(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Public Utilities
13 Section 7–701(k)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 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 7–701.

20 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (k) “Qualified offshore wind project” means a wind turbine electricity generation
22 facility, including the associated transmission–related interconnection facilities and
23 equipment, that:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(1) is located:

(i) on the outer continental shelf of the Atlantic Ocean in an area that the United States Department of the Interior designates for leasing; and

(ii) more than 10 miles off the coast of the State for a project selected under § 7–704.4 of this subtitle or approved under § 7–704.1 of this subtitle after June 1, 2023; and

(2) interconnects to the PJM Interconnection grid[

(i) at a point located on the Delmarva Peninsula; or

(ii)] through an offshore wind transmission project selected under § 7–704.3 of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.