

SENATE BILL 153

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SB 677/20 – FIN

(PRE-FILED)

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CF HB 376

By: ~~Senator Eckardt~~ **Senators Eckardt, Hershey, and Jennings**

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Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

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 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2020 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:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(I) IN 2021:

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

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

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

2. 2.5% FROM TIER 2 RENEWABLE SOURCES; AND

**(II) IN 2022 AND LATER, 20.4% FROM TIER 1 RENEWABLE
SOURCES, INCLUDING:**

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

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

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
October 1, 2021.**

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.