## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL



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AN ACT

Amending the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No.213), entitled, "An act providing for the sale of electric energy generated from renewable and environmentally beneficial sources, for the acquisition of electric energy generated from renewable and environmentally beneficial sources by electric distribution and supply companies and for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission," further providing for alternative energy portfolio standards.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
hereby enacts as follows:
Section 1. Section 3(b) of the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672, No. 213), known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act, amended July 17, 2007 (P.L.114, No.35), is amended to read:

Section 3. Alternative energy portfolio standards.

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(b) Tier $I$ and solar photovoltaic shares.--
(1) Two years after the effective date of this act, at
least $1.5 \%$ of the electric energy sold by an electric distribution company or electric generation supplier to
retail electric customers in this Commonwealth shall be generated from Tier I alternative energy sources. [Except as provided in this section, the minimum percentage of electric energy required to be sold to retail electric customers from alternative energy sources shall increase to $2 \%$ three years after the effective date of this act. The minimum percentage of electric energy required to be sold to retail electric customers from alternative energy sources shall increase by at least $0.5 \%$ each year so that at least $8 \%$ of the electric energy sold by an electric distribution company or electric generation supplier to retail electric customers in that certificated territory in the 15 th year after the effective date of this subsection is sold from Tier I alternative energy resources.] The minimum percentage of electric energy required to be sold to retail electric customers from alternative energy sources shall be:
(i) 5.5\% for June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2016. (ii) 6\% for June 1, 2016, through May 31, 2017. (iii) 7.5\% for June 1, 2017, through May 31, 2018. (iv) 9\% for June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2019. (v) $10.5 \%$ for June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2020. (vi) 12\% for June 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021. (vii) 13.5\% for June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022. (viii) 15\% for June 1, 2022, and thereafter.
(2) The total percentage of the electric energy sold by an electric distribution company or electric generation supplier to retail electric customers in this Commonwealth that must be sold from solar photovoltaic technologies is:
(i) $0.0013 \%$ for June 1, 2006, through May 31, 2007.
(ii) $0.0030 \%$ for June 1, 2007, through May 31, 2008.
(iii) $0.0063 \%$ for June 1, 2008, through May 31, 2009 .
(iv) 0.0120\% for June 1, 2009, through May 31, 2010.
(v) 0.0203\% for June 1, 2010, through May 31, 2011.
(vi) 0.0325\% for June 1, 2011, through May 31, 2012.
(vii) $0.0510 \%$ for June 1, 2012, through May 31, 2013.
(viii) 0.0840\% for June 1, 2013, through May 31, 2014.
(ix) $0.1440 \%$ for June 1, 2014, through May 31, 2015.
(x) $[0.2500 \%] \underline{0.3135 \%}$ for June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2016.
(xi) [0.2933\%] 0.483\% for June 1, 2016, through May 31, 2017.
(xii) $[0.3400 \%] \underline{0.6265 \%}$ for June 1, 2017, through May 31, 2018.
(xiii) [0.3900\%] 0.822\% for June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2019.
(xiv) [0.4433\%] 0.9915\% for June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2020.
(xv) [0.5000\%] 1.161\% for June 1, 2020, [and thereafter] through June 1, 2021.
(xvi) 1.3305\% for June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022.
(xvii) 1.5000\% for June 1, 2022, and thereafter.
(3) Upon commencement of the beginning of the 6th reporting year, the commission shall undertake a review of the compliance by electric distribution companies and electric generation suppliers with the requirements of this act. The review shall also include the status of alternative
energy technologies within this Commonwealth and the capacity to add additional alternative energy resources. The commission shall use the results of this review to recommend to the General Assembly additional compliance goals beyond year 15. The commission shall work with the department in evaluating the future alternative energy resource potential.

Section 2. The amendment of section $3(\mathrm{~b})$ of the act shall apply to contracts for the purchase of solar alternative energy entered into after May 31, 2015, by entities with a solar alternative energy portfolio standard compliance obligation. Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

