
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 556 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY ZIMMERMAN, CUTLER, GREINER, FEE, CAUSER, MILLARD,
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FEBRUARY 17, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in restructuring of electric utility
3 industry, further providing for additional alternative energy
4 sources; and abrogating or repealing provisions relating to
5 the production of electrical power from biologically derived
6 methane gas.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 2814 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
11 § 2814. Additional alternative energy sources.

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13 (d) Biologically derived methane gas.--Notwithstanding any
14 other law, the commission may not limit the nameplate capacity
15 and the production of electrical power from biologically derived
16 methane gas, including methane from the anaerobic digestion of
17 organic materials from yard waste, such as grass clippings and
18 leaves, food waste, animal waste and sewage sludge and landfill
19 methane gas.

1 Section 2. Any limit of the nameplate capacity and the
2 production of electrical power from biologically derived methane
3 gas in effect on the effective date of this section, imposed by
4 regulation or under the act of November 30, 2004 (P.L.1672,
5 No.213), known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards
6 Act, is abrogated or repealed.

7 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.