## **SENATE BILL 560**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Renewable Ener	gy Portfolio Sta	andard – Eligible	Sources
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- FOR the purpose of altering the eligibility of certain sources of energy for the creation of credits under the renewable energy portfolio standard; removing certain sources from the definition of a "Tier 1 renewable source"; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by this Act; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 9 Article Public Utilities
- 10 Section 7–701(a)
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
- 13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 14 Article Public Utilities
- 15 Section 7–701(r) and 7–704(a)
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
- 18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 20 Article Public Utilities
- 21 7–701.

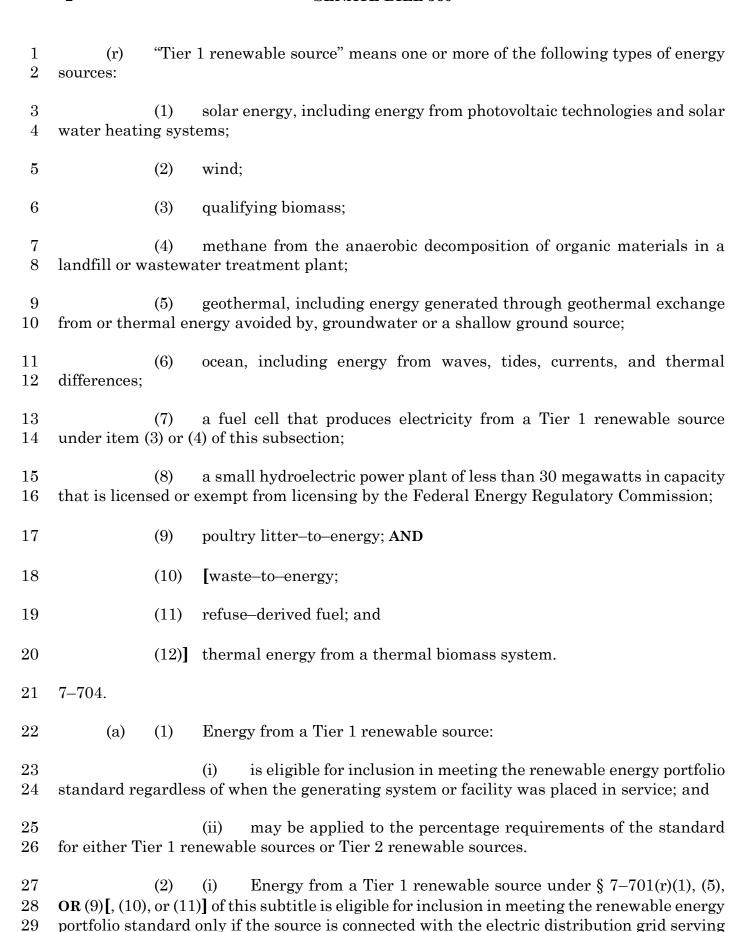
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(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





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- (ii) If the owner of a solar generating system in this State chooses to sell solar renewable energy credits from that system, the owner must first offer the credits for sale to an electricity supplier or electric company that shall apply them toward compliance with the renewable energy portfolio standard under § 7–703 of this subtitle.
- (3) Energy from a Tier 1 renewable source under § 7–701(r)(8) of this subtitle is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard if it is generated at a dam that existed as of January 1, 2004, even if a system or facility that is capable of generating electricity did not exist on that date.
- 10 (4) Energy from a Tier 2 renewable source under § 7–701(s) of this subtitle 11 is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard through 2020 if 12 it is generated at a system or facility that existed and was operational as of January 1, 13 2004, even if the facility or system was not capable of generating electricity on that date.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a presently existing obligation or contract right may not be impaired in any way by this Act.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020, and shall be applicable to all renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years beginning after December 31, 2020.