

SENATE, No. 2711

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires BPU to approve qualified wind energy project and exempts project from cost-benefit analysis.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning offshore wind energy projects and amending
2 P.L.2010, c.57.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 4 of P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.2) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 4. The board **【may】** shall approve, subject to the project
10 obtaining the necessary permits, approvals, and authorizations from
11 the Department of Environmental Protection, a qualified wind
12 energy project located in territorial waters offshore of a
13 municipality in which casino gaming is authorized, and authorize
14 offshore wind renewable energy certificates for that project. Any
15 such project shall be a nominal 20 megawatts and no more than 25
16 megawatts in nameplate capacity and comply with the requirements
17 set forth in section 3 of P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.1), except that
18 the entity seeking to construct the project shall not be required to
19 prepare and submit a cost-benefit analysis for the project pursuant
20 to paragraph (10) of subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.2010, c.57
21 (C.48:3-87.1) and the provisions of subparagraph (b) of paragraph
22 (1) of subsection b. of section 3 of P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.1)
23 shall not apply to the project.

24 (cf: P.L.2010, c.57, s.4)

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill would require the Board of Public Utilities to approve a
32 qualified wind energy project that is located in territorial waters
33 offshore of a municipality in which casino gaming is authorized as
34 provided in section 4 of P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.2). The bill
35 would also remove the requirements that (1) the entity seeking to
36 construct the project prepare and submit a cost-benefit analysis to
37 the board, and (2) the board's approval of the project depend in part
38 upon the results of a cost-benefit analysis.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.