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SYNOPSIS

Permits BPU to approve qualified wind energy projects; requires BPU to provide application periods for those projects.

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 as
8 follows:

9 4. a. The board may approve, subject to the project obtaining the
10 necessary permits, approvals, and authorizations from the Department
11 of Environmental Protection, a qualified wind energy project located
12 in territorial waters offshore of a municipality in which casino gaming
13 is authorized, and authorize offshore wind renewable energy
14 certificates for that project. **Any such** The project shall be at least a
15 nominal 20 megawatts and no more than 25 megawatts in nameplate
16 capacity and comply with the requirements set forth in section 3 of
17 P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.1)

18 b. Within 60 days following the date of enactment of
19 P.L. c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the
20 board shall provide a 30-day period for the submission of applications
21 under this section. Following the conclusion of the 30-day application
22 period, the board shall from time to time provide a period for the
23 submission of applications under this subsection that may differ in
24 length from the 30-day application period provided in this subsection.
25 (cf: P.L.2010, c.57, s.4)

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill permits the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
33 (board) to approve a qualified wind energy project that is located in
34 territorial waters offshore of a municipality in which casino gaming
35 is authorized as provided in section 4 of P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-
36 87.2). The bill requires the board to provide a 30-day period for the
37 submission of applications and, from time to time, provide a
38 submission period that may differ from the 30-day application
39 period.

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.