

1 S.232

2 Introduced by Senators Bray, Clarkson, Lyons and McCormack

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Energy; public service; renewable energy programs; Renewable

6 Energy Standard

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to increase the
8 amount of total renewable energy required pursuant to the Renewable Energy
9 Standard and to require the Public Utility Commission and the Department of
10 Public Service to analyze and report on the costs of requiring a higher
11 percentage of distributed renewable generation.

12 An act relating to the Renewable Energy Standard

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 8005 is amended to read:

15 § 8005. RES CATEGORIES

16 (a) Categories. This section specifies three categories of required resources
17 to meet the requirements of the RES established in section 8004 of this title:
18 total renewable energy, distributed renewable generation, and energy
19 transformation.

20 (1) Total renewable energy.

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(B) Required amounts. The amounts of total renewable energy required by this subsection shall be ~~55~~ 59 percent of each retail electricity provider's annual retail electric sales during the year beginning on January 1, ~~2017~~ 2022, increasing by an additional ~~four~~ 10.25 percent each ~~third~~ second January 1 thereafter, until reaching ~~75~~ 100 percent on and after January 1, ~~2032~~ 2030.

Sec. 2. ANALYSIS CONCERNING INCREASING DISTRIBUTED
RENEWABLE GENERATION AND REPORT

(a) The Public Utility Commission (Commission) and the Department of Public Service (Department) shall analyze the costs, advantages and disadvantages, and impacts of increasing the amount of distributed renewable generation required pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8005(a)(2)(C) to:

- (1) 20 percent on and after January 1, 2032; or
- (2) 30 percent on and after January 1, 2032.

(b) The Commission and Department shall report to the House Committee on Energy and Technology and the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and on Finance on or before January 14, 2024 on the results of their analysis conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and any recommendations they may have.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.