

HB1339/373894/1

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1339
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “Qualifying”; in lines 4, 6, 9, and 13, in each instance, strike “qualifying”; in line 7, after “system” insert “is eligible to receive a certain renewable energy credit under certain circumstances; specifying that a certain person that is eligible to receive a certain renewable energy credit”; and in lines 7 and 8, strike “under certain circumstances” and substitute “equal to a certain amount”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 9 through 19, inclusive, and substitute:

“(H-1) “THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEM” MEANS A SYSTEM THAT:

(1) USES:

(I) PRIMARILY ANIMAL MANURE, INCLUDING POULTRY LITTER, AND ASSOCIATED BEDDING TO GENERATE THERMAL ENERGY; AND

(II) FOOD WASTE OR QUALIFYING BIOMASS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FEEDSTOCK;

(2) IS USED IN THE STATE; AND

(3) COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS, AS DETERMINED BY THE APPROPRIATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY.”;

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and in lines 25 and 26, strike “, INCLUDING QUALIFYING THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEMS”.

On page 3, in line 9, strike “and”; in line 10, after “fuel” insert “;AND”;

(12) THERMAL ENERGY FROM A THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEM”;

in lines 12, 18, 21, and 26, in each instance, strike “QUALIFYING”; after line 14, insert:

“(2) (I) A PERSON THAT OWNS AND OPERATES A THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEM THAT USES ANAEROBIC DIGESTION IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT.

(II) A PERSON THAT OWNS AND OPERATES A THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEM THAT USES A THERMOCHEMICAL PROCESS IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT IF THE PERSON DEMONSTRATES TO THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT THAT THE OPERATION OF THE THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEM:

1. IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTING TO LOCAL OR REGIONAL AIR QUALITY IMPAIRMENTS; AND

2. WILL SUBSTANTIALLY DECREASE EMISSIONS OF OXIDES OF NITROGEN BEYOND THAT ACHIEVED BY A DIRECT BURN COMBUSTION UNIT THROUGH THE USE OF PRECOMBUSTION TECHNIQUES, COMBUSTION TECHNIQUES, OR POSTCOMBUSTION TECHNIQUES.”;

in lines 15, 20, and 25, strike “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively; in lines 15 and 16, strike “OWNS AND OPERATES A

QUALIFYING THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEM” and substitute “IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION”; in line 19, after “SYSTEM” insert “AND USED ON SITE”; and strike beginning with “OF” in line 23 down through “METROLOGY” in line 24 and substitute “ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION”.