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SENATE BILL 279

Short Title: Clarify Renewable Energy Resource Definition. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"
3 THAT PERTAINS TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY
4 PORTFOLIO STANDARD (REPS) TO CLARIFY THAT WOOD IS A RENEWABLE
5 ENERGY RESOURCE AND THAT WOOD NEED NOT BE A WASTE PRODUCT TO
6 QUALIFY AS A RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 62-133.8(a) reads as rewritten:

9 "(a) Definitions. – As used in this section:

10 (1) "Combined heat and power system" means a system that uses waste heat to
11 produce electricity or useful, measurable thermal or mechanical energy at a
12 retail electric customer's facility.

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14 (8) "Renewable energy resource" means a solar electric, solar thermal, wind,
15 hydropower, geothermal, or ocean current or wave energy resource; a
16 biomass resource, including agricultural waste, animal waste, ~~wood~~
17 ~~waste, wood~~, spent pulping liquors, combustible residues, combustible
18 liquids, combustible gases, energy crops, or landfill methane; waste heat
19 derived from a renewable energy resource and used to produce electricity or
20 useful, measurable thermal energy at a retail electric customer's facility; or
21 hydrogen derived from a renewable energy resource. "Renewable energy
22 resource" does not include peat, a fossil fuel, or nuclear energy resource."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

