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SENATE BILL 15-254

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD DURING WHICH CERTAIN  
102 INCENTIVES ARE AVAILABLE FOR MUNICIPALLY OWNED  
103 UTILITIES TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS  
104 BASED ON THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATION  
105 TECHNOLOGIES.

Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Under current law, a 3-to-1 multiplier applies to each kilowatt-hour of electricity generated from solar electric generation

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*

*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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technologies that begin producing electricity on or before July 1, 2015, for purposes of meeting the portfolio standards established for cooperative electric associations and municipally owned utilities that are qualifying retail utilities as part of Colorado's renewable energy statute. The bill extends this deadline to December 31, 2016, for municipally owned utilities.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 40-2-124, **amend** (1)  
3 (c) (VII) as follows:

4 **40-2-124. Renewable energy standards - qualifying retail and**  
5 **wholesale utilities - definitions - net metering - legislative declaration.**

6 (1) Each provider of retail electric service in the state of Colorado, other  
7 than municipally owned utilities that serve forty thousand customers or  
8 fewer, is a qualifying retail utility. Each qualifying retail utility, with the  
9 exception of cooperative electric associations that have voted to exempt  
10 themselves from commission jurisdiction pursuant to section 40-9.5-104  
11 and municipally owned utilities, is subject to the rules established under  
12 this article by the commission. No additional regulatory authority is  
13 provided to the commission other than that specifically contained in this  
14 section. In accordance with article 4 of title 24, C.R.S., the commission  
15 shall revise or clarify existing rules to establish the following:

16 (c) Electric resource standards:

17 (VII) (A) For purposes of compliance with the standards set forth  
18 in subparagraphs (V) and (V.5) of this paragraph (c), each kilowatt-hour  
19 of renewable electricity generated from solar electric generation  
20 technologies shall be counted as three kilowatt-hours.

21 (B) FOR EACH QUALIFYING RETAIL UTILITY THAT IS A  
22 COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, sub-subparagraph (A) of this

1     subparagraph (VII) applies only to solar electric technologies that begin  
2     producing electricity prior to July 1, 2015, AND for solar electric  
3     technologies that begin producing electricity on or after July 1, 2015, each  
4     kilowatt-hour of renewable electricity shall be counted as one  
5     kilowatt-hour for purposes of compliance with the renewable energy  
6     standard.

7           (C) FOREACH QUALIFYING RETAIL UTILITY THAT IS A MUNICIPALLY  
8     OWNED UTILITY, SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (VII)  
9     APPLIES ONLY TO SOLAR ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGIES THAT ARE UNDER  
10    CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT PRIOR TO AUGUST 1, 2015, AND BEGIN  
11    PRODUCING ELECTRICITY PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND FOR SOLAR  
12    ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGIES THAT ARE NOT UNDER CONTRACT FOR  
13    DEVELOPMENT PRIOR TO AUGUST 1, 2015, AND BEGIN PRODUCING  
14    ELECTRICITY ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2016, EACH KILOWATT-HOUR  
15    OF RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY SHALL BE COUNTED AS ONE KILOWATT-HOUR  
16    FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD.

17           **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
18    determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
19    preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.