

renewable electricity trading system that includes a certain registry; authorizing the Commission to contract with another entity for a certain purpose; requiring the registry to provide certain information to certain persons; authorizing the sale and transfer of renewable energy credits; establishing a time limit for the existence of renewable energy credits; authorizing the Commission to impose an administrative fee on certain transactions; providing that the Commission has certain power and authority over electricity suppliers for certain purposes; requiring the Commission to report to the General Assembly each year on certain matters; requiring the Commission to establish a technical advisory group for certain purposes; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations by certain dates; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct a certain performance audit of the Maryland Renewable Energy Fund; requiring the Office to report the results of the audit to the General Assembly by a certain date; requiring the Administration, in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, to enhance the State's system of monitoring the production and volume of poultry litter for certain purposes; requiring the Commission to provide a certain status report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Commission to review certain standards and matters and report its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; specifying intents and findings of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; repealing certain provisions relating to a requirement that an electric company continue to purchase certain electricity under certain contracts and to provide a certain percentage of renewable energy sources; repealing an obsolete reporting requirement; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of renewable energy portfolio standards, a renewable electricity credit trading system, and the Maryland Renewable Energy Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Public Utility Companies
 Section 1–101(a) and (j)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1998 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Utility Companies
 Section 7–516
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1998 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Public Utility Companies
 Section 7–701 through 7–713 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7.
 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard”
 Annotated Code of Maryland