



# SENATE BILL 730: Expand CEPS/Nuclear and Hydro.

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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 730 would include nuclear facilities constructed on or before January 1, 2007, and hydroelectric power facilities with a generation capacity of 10 megawatts or more into the definition of "new clean energy facilities" for purposes of the "Clean Energy Portfolio Standard" (CEPS).*

## CURRENT LAW/ BACKGROUND:

In 2007, the General Assembly enacted the State's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (REPS). In 2023, REPS was changed to CEPS and established a definition of "new clean energy facilities" to include "new renewable energy facilities," as well as nuclear and fusion energy facilities (including an uprate to a nuclear energy facility) placed into service on or after January 1, 2007. Under current law, "new clean energy facilities" also includes hydroelectric power facilities with a generation capacity of 10 megawatts or less that delivers electric power to an electric power supplier.

Among other things, CEPS requires electric power suppliers to provide a designated amount or percentage of power from renewable energy resources as a portion of their overall provision of electricity. Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) may be earned for energy produced from new clean energy facilities.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill would include nuclear facilities constructed on or before January 1, 2007, and hydroelectric power facilities with a generation capacity of 10 megawatts or more into the definition of "new clean energy facilities."

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would be effective when it becomes law.

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