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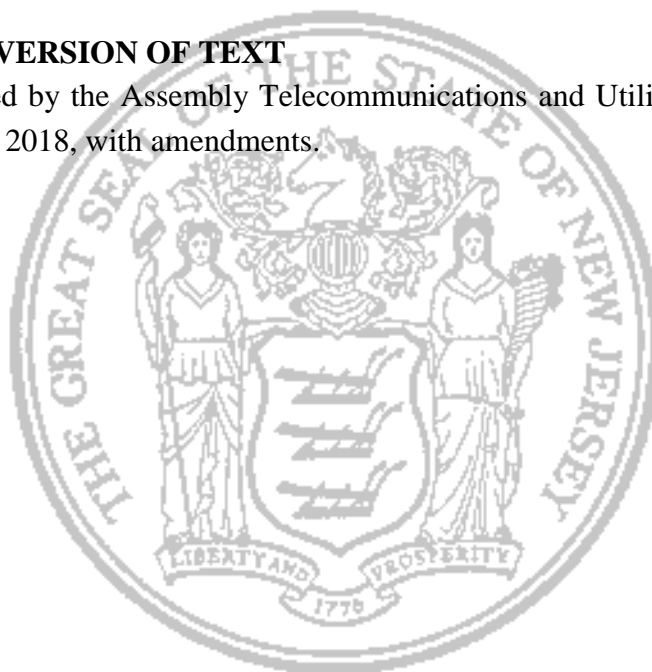
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires BPU consideration and approval of amended application for qualified wind energy project offshore in certain NJ territorial waters.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee on March 22, 2018, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning offshore wind energy and amending P.L.2010,  
2 c.57.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 4 of P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.2) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 4. a. The board **[may]** <sup>1</sup>**[shall]** may<sup>1</sup> approve, subject to the  
10 project obtaining the necessary permits, approvals, and  
11 authorizations from the Department of Environmental Protection, a  
12 qualified wind energy project located in territorial waters offshore  
13 of a municipality in which casino gaming is authorized, and  
14 authorize offshore wind renewable energy certificates for that  
15 project. Any such project shall be a nominal 20 megawatts and no  
16 more than 25 megawatts in nameplate capacity and comply with the  
17 requirements set forth in section 3 of P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.1),  
18 and the cumulative number of wind turbines approved for the  
19 project shall not exceed six.

20 b. <sup>1</sup>**[Within 30 days following]** Upon<sup>1</sup> the date of enactment of  
21 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the board  
22 shall <sup>1</sup>**[provide a 90-day period for the submission of an amended]**  
23 accept a submitted<sup>1</sup> application under <sup>1</sup>**[this section]** section 3 of  
24 P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.1)<sup>1</sup> for the qualified wind energy project  
25 to be located in territorial waters offshore of a municipality in  
26 which casino gaming is authorized for which <sup>1</sup>**[an original]** an<sup>1</sup>  
27 application therefor had been submitted to the board prior to the  
28 date of enactment of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as  
29 this bill). The <sup>1</sup>**[board's review of this amended application shall**  
30 be limited to addressing any modifications that may be needed to  
31 meet any concerns expressed or considered by the board prior to the  
32 date of enactment of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as  
33 this bill) specifically concerning the issues of turbine selection and  
34 substantiation of financial viability.

35 Following conclusion of the 90-day period required by this  
36 subsection, the board shall from time to time provide a period for  
37 submission of applications under this subsection that may differ in  
38 length from the 90-day period provided in this subsection] board  
39 may consider relevant information filed in connection with the prior  
40 application in undertaking its review and, notwithstanding the  
41 requirements set forth in subsection d. of section 3 of P.L.2010,  
42 c.57 (C.48:3-87.1), shall make a final determination on the  
43 application within 90 days of the date a complete application is  
44 filed with the board<sup>1</sup>.

45 (cf: P.L.2010, c.57, s.4)

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47 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined **thus** is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly ATU committee amendments adopted March 22, 2018.