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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 21-118—sHB 6527
Energy and Technology Committee

AN ACT INCREASING THE TOTAL OUTPUT OF CLASS III SOURCES

SUMMARY: This act temporarily increases, from 4% to 5%, the minimum Class III procurement requirement under the state’s Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) law. The RPS generally requires the electric distribution companies (EDCs; i.e., Eversource and United Illuminating) and retail electric suppliers to obtain a portion of their power from certain energy resources categorized as Class I, II, and III. By law, Class III sources include electricity from certain combined heat and power systems, certain waste heat recovery systems, and conservation and load management programs, generally excluding those supported by ratepayers (CGS § 16-1(a)(38)).

From January 1, 2022, until December 31, 2024, the act requires the EDCs and suppliers to obtain at least 5%, rather than 4%, of the power they provide to customers from Class III sources. (Presumably, the Class III requirement reverts to 4% after 2024.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021