

# SENATE BILL No. 178

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 8-1-2-0.7.

**Synopsis:** Natural gas as a clean energy resource. Provides that it is the continuing policy of the state to recognize natural gas as "clean energy" or "green energy" for purposes of any state or federal program that provides funding or other incentives for: (1) clean energy initiatives or projects; (2) green energy initiatives or projects; or (3) any similarly designated initiatives or projects; in Indiana. Defines "clean energy" or "green energy" for these purposes. Specifies that the term: (1) includes natural gas; and (2) does not affect certain existing definitions set forth in the Indiana Code.

**Effective:** July 1, 2025.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Utilities.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-2-0.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2025]: **Sec. 0.7. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), as used**  
4 **in this section, "clean energy" or "green energy" means an energy**  
5 **resource with respect to which the emissions produced or released,**  
6 **when the energy resource is used as a generation source or in any**  
7 **other application:**

- 8 (1) do not exceed the standard emissions levels associated with  
9 pipeline quality natural gas; and  
10 (2) release reduced air pollutants, relative to one (1) or more  
11 types of fossil fuels.

12 **The term includes natural gas.**

13 (b) **The general assembly declares that it is the continuing policy**  
14 **of the state to recognize natural gas as clean energy or green**  
15 **energy for purposes of any state or federal program that provides**  
16 **funding or other incentives for:**

- 17 (1) **clean energy initiatives or projects;**



- 1           (2) green energy initiatives or projects; or
- 2           (3) any similarly designated initiatives or projects;
- 3           **in Indiana.**
- 4           **(c) This section does not affect the following:**
- 5           (1) The definition of "clean energy vehicle" set forth in
- 6           IC 5-22-5-8.5.
- 7           (2) The definition of "clean energy projects" set forth in
- 8           IC 8-1-8.8-2.
- 9           (3) The definition of "renewable energy resources" set forth
- 10          in IC 8-1-8.8-10.
- 11          (4) The definition of "clean energy resource" set forth in
- 12          IC 8-1-37-4.

