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SENATE BILL ***168***

AN ACT relative to class 2 obligations under the electric renewable portfolio standards.

SPONSORS: Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Rep. Oxenham, Sull. 1

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the renewable portfolio standard requirements for new solar energy from 2019 through 2025. The bill also provides an exemption from increases in the annual purchase percentages for certain electrical supply contracts.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen

AN ACT relative to class 2 obligations under the electric renewable portfolio standards.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Electric Renewable Portfolio Standard; Minimum Standards. Amend the footnote to RSA 362-F:3 to read as follows:
*Class I increases an additional 0.9 percent per year from 2015 through 2025. A set percentage of the class I totals shall be satisfied annually by the acquisition of renewable energy certificates from qualifying renewable energy technologies producing useful thermal energy as defined in RSA 362-F:2, XV-a. The set percentage shall be 0.4 percent in 2014, 0.6 percent in 2015, 0.8 percent in 2016, and increased annually by 0.2 percent per year from 2017 through 2023, after which it shall remain unchanged. Class II shall increase to 0.5 percent beginning in 2018, [~~0.6~~] ***1.2*** percent beginning in 2019, [~~and 0.7~~] ***1.9*** percent beginning in 2020, ***2.6 percent beginning in 2021, 3.3 percent beginning in 2022, 4.0 percent beginning in 2023, 4.7 percent beginning in 2024, and 5.4 percent beginning in 2025,*** otherwise classes II-IV shall remain at the same percentages from 2015 through 2025 except as provided in RSA 362-F:4, V-VI.
2 New Section; Minimum Electric Renewable Portfolio Standards; Exemption Period for Certain Electrical Supply Contracts. Amend RSA 362-F by inserting after section 3 the following new section:
362-F:3-a Exemption Period for Certain Electrical Supply Contracts.
I. The increases in the annual purchase percentages under RSA 362-F:3 applicable to class II for 2019 and thereafter as compared to the class II annual purchase percentages in effect as of January 1, 2019, shall not apply to the megawatt-hours delivered during the contract term under any electrical power supply contract entered into before the effective date of this section, provided that the contract term in effect before such effective date has not been extended or otherwise increased after that date.
II. Providers shall inform the commission by July 1 of each year, through July 1, 2022, of all such exempted contracts, including but not limited to, the execution date and expiration date of the contract, the basis for exemption under this section, and if applicable, the

annual megawatt-hours supplied and exempted, or the annual amount of exempted methane gas certificates and the basis for exemption. All such information filed with the commission shall be exempt from the provisions of RSA 91-A:5, IV.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.