

Synopsis of Michigan Renewable Energy Legislation 2015-2016 Pending or Passed Legislation¹

Zoning

- HB 4065 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4065> A bill prohibiting within certain distances of a gas line the siting of large capacity wind turbines. Sponsor: Franz.

Off-Shore Wind

- HB 4066 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4066> A bill prohibiting DNR deeds, leases or permits for wind turbines in the Great Lakes. Sponsor: Franz.

Renewable Energy Standard

- SB 0295 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-SB-0295> A bill amending 2008 PA 295 to increase the renewable energy standard. Sponsor: Hopgood.
- SB 0297 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-SB-0297> A bill amending 2008 PA 295 to eliminate the surcharge of the renewable energy standard. Sponsor: Hopgood.
- SB 0438 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-SB-0438> A bill amending 2008 PA 295 to eliminate the renewable energy standard and establish a distributed generation program, among other amendments. Sponsor: Proos.
- HB 4297 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4297> A bill amending 2008 PA 295 to allow energy generated from waste to qualify as renewable or advanced cleaner energy and disallowing incentive credits for Michigan equipment and labor. Sponsor: Nesbitt.
- HB 4308 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4308> A bill repealing the renewable energy mandates of 2008 PA 295. Sponsor: Franz.
- HB 4518 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4518> A bill amending 2008 PA 295 to increase the renewable energy standard. Sponsor: Hovey-Wright.
- HB 4519 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4519> A bill amending 2008 PA 295 to eliminate the surcharge of the renewable energy standard. Sponsor: Plawecki.

Distributed Generation

- HB 4878 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4878> A bill providing community renewable energy generation facilities. Sponsor: Glenn.

¹Guide compiled by K. Trachsel of Michigan Public Service Commission Staff. Legislation that has passed into Michigan law is identified here with a Public Act (PA) number, following the Senate Bill (SB) or House Bill (HB) number. Check for additional legislation for the 2015-2016 session by searching bills by category for “energy” and “public utilities,” at: [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(hnpa5f554byrtkdbchgr355\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=CategorySearch](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(hnpa5f554byrtkdbchgr355))/mileg.aspx?page=CategorySearch).

- HB 4879 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4879> A bill requiring certain pricing for eligible participants of net metering programs. Sponsor: Dianda.
- HB 4880 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4880> A bill allowing a payment, as an alternative to a credit, for customer generated excess electricity. Sponsor: Irwin.
- HB 4881 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4881> A bill authorizing increased customer generating capacity under the net metering program. Sponsor: McBroom.

Taxation

- HB 4171 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-4171> A bill providing property tax exemptions of wind energy conversion devices. Sponsors: Glardon and Sheppard.

PURPA

- HB 5015 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2015-HB-5015> A bill requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt certain orders to implement PURPA. Sponsor: Glenn.