

State Corporation Commission 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1197

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Deeds

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Small renewable energy projects; State Corporation Commission jurisdiction.

5. Summary: Small renewable energy projects; State Corporation Commission jurisdiction. Restores the requirement for State Corporation Commission (SCC) review of the construction and operation of certain small renewable energy projects. In 2009, the General Assembly removed the requirement that the owner or operator of a small renewable energy project, defined as (i) an electrical generation facility with a rated capacity not exceeding 100 megawatts that generates electricity only from sunlight, wind, falling water, wave motion, tides, or geothermal power or (ii) an electrical generation facility with a rated capacity not exceeding 20 megawatts that generates electricity only from biomass or certain waste, obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity approval for the project from the SCC. This measure restores the requirement for those small renewable energy projects that either will disturb an area of 100 acres or more or are located within five miles of a boundary between the political subdivision in which such project is located and another locality.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None on the State Corporation Commission

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission and the Department of Environmental Quality

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: No

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