

CHAPTER 21

AN ACT concerning offshore wind energy and amending P.L.2010, c.57.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 4 of P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.2) is amended to read as follows:

C.48:3-87.2 Approval of project by board.

4. a. The board may approve, subject to the project obtaining the necessary permits, approvals, and authorizations from the Department of Environmental Protection, a qualified wind energy project located in territorial waters offshore of a municipality in which casino gaming is authorized, and authorize offshore wind renewable energy certificates for that project. Any such project shall be a nominal 20 megawatts and no more than 25 megawatts in nameplate capacity and comply with the requirements set forth in section 3 of P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.1), and the cumulative number of wind turbines approved for the project shall not exceed six .

b. Upon the date of enactment of P.L.2018, c.21, the board shall accept a submitted application under section 3 of P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.1) for the qualified wind energy project to be located in territorial waters offshore of a municipality in which casino gaming is authorized for which an application therefor had been submitted to the board prior to the date of enactment of P.L.2018, c.21. The board may consider relevant information filed in connection with the prior application in undertaking its review and, notwithstanding the requirements set forth in subsection d. of section 3 of P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.1), shall make a final determination on the application within 90 days of the date a complete application is filed with the board .

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved May 30, 2018.