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Requested by Representative LEVY B

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2375

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 29 and delete pages 2 2 and 3 and insert:

³ "SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

4 "(a) 'Hub height' means the distance from the ground to the middle
5 of a wind-powered turbine's rotor.

6 "(b) 'Light-mitigating technology system' means a system approved 7 by the Federal Aviation Administration that is capable of reducing the 8 impact of obstruction lighting while maintaining conspicuity sufficient 9 to assist aircraft in identifying and avoiding collision with a structure 10 or facility.

"(c) 'Maintenance' means activities to keep a wind energy facility in an efficient operating condition and that do not add to the value or extend the expected economic life or increase the nameplate capacity or energy output of the facility.

15 "(d) 'Person' means a developer, owner or operator.

"(e) 'Repower' means to replace all or substantially all of a wind
 energy facility for the purpose of extending the life of the facility, and
 the replacement is not part of routine maintenance.

"(f) 'Wind energy facility' means an electric power generating fa cility that is made up of five or more wind-powered turbines and one
 or more of the wind-powered turbines:

"(A) Are required under Federal Aviation Administration regu lations to have obstruction lights; or

"(B) Have an obstruction light and a hub height that is 75 or more
feet above the ground level.

5 "(2) A wind energy facility may not commence operations or, fol-6 lowing repowering, recommence operations unless the person devel-7 oping or repowering the wind energy facility meets the requirements 8 in subsection (3) of this section.

9 "(3)(a) A person developing or repowering a wind energy facility 10 who receives from the Federal Aviation Administration a determi-11 nation of no hazard to air navigation with regard to the wind energy 12 facility shall apply to the administration and, if applicable, the Federal 13 Communications Commission, for approval for the installation and use 14 of light-mitigating technology systems for the wind energy facility's 15 wind-powered turbines.

16 "(b) If the administration issues a determination that the installa-17 tion and use of a light-mitigation technology system is not a hazard 18 to air navigation and, as applicable, the commission issues its ap-19 proval, the person shall install and use light-mitigating technology 20 systems on approved wind-powered turbines. The person shall install 21 and begin using the light-mitigating technology systems:

"(A) Within 24 months from the date the administration issues its
 determination;

²⁴ "(B) If applicable, within 24 months from the later of:

²⁵ "(i) The date the administration issues its determination; or

²⁶ "(ii) The date the commission issues its approval; or

"(C) As soon as reasonably practicable after the date specified in
subpargraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph if installation is delayed due
to reasons outside of the person's control.

30 "(c) A person is not required to install or use a light-mitigating

1 technology system on a wind-powered turbine if:

"(A) The administration issues a determination that the installation
or use of the light-mitigation technology system is a hazard to air
navigation;

"(B) The administration does not issue a determination within 12
months from the date the person submits the application to the administration;

"(C) If applicable, the commission does not issue its approval for
the installation and use of the light-mitigating technology system; or
"(D) If applicable, the commission does not issue its approval within
12 months from the date the person submits the application to the
commission.

"(4) Nothing in this section shall require a person to carry out light
 mitigation in a manner that conflicts with an applicable federal law
 or regulation.

16 "SECTION 2. The governing body of a county or city or its designee 17 may not allow or permit a wind energy facility, as defined in section 18 1 of this 2025 Act, unless the person seeking to develop or repower the 19 wind energy facility provides proof that the person is in compliance 20 with the requirements in section 1 (3)(a) of this 2025 Act.

21 "<u>SECTION 3.</u> Sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act apply to any wind 22 energy facility, as defined in section 1 of this 2025 Act, for which a 23 person applies, on or after January 1, 2028, to the Federal Aviation 24 Administration for a determination of hazard or no hazard to air 25 navigation with regard to the wind energy facility.".

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