

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 4630

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[Introduced January 11, 2024; Referred to the
Committee on Energy and Manufacturing]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
 2 designated §20-20-1 and §20-20-2, all relating to energy storage systems, and providing
 3 for energy storage system access.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 20. ENERGY STORAGE ACCESS.

§20-20-1. Definitions.

1 "Energy storage system" means any commercially available system including batteries
 2 and the batteries paired with on-site generation that is capable of retaining, storing, and delivering
 3 energy.

4 "Utility" means a qualifying retail utility.

§20-20-2. Rules.

1 (a) The West Virginia Division of Energy shall promulgate legislative rules allowing the
 2 installation, interconnection, and use of energy storage systems in accordance with the provisions
 3 of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code, and such rules shall include:

4 (1) Utility approval processes and any required interconnection reviews of energy storage
 5 systems shall be simple, streamlined, and affordable for customers; and

6 (2) Utilities shall not require the installation of customer-sited meters in addition to a single
 7 net energy meter for the purposes of monitoring energy storage systems; except that the
 8 commission may authorize the requirement of metering for certain large energy storage systems,
 9 as determined by the division.

10 (b) Nothing in this section alters or supersedes either:

11 (1) The principles of net metering; or

12 (2) Any existing electrical permit requirements or any licensing or certification
 13 requirements for installers, manufacturers, or equipment.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for energy storage system access.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.