

Public Law 98-370
98th Congress

An Act

To amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to facilitate commerce by the domestic renewable energy industry and related service industries.

July 18, 1984

[H.R. 3169]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Renewable Energy Industry Development Act of 1983".

Renewable
Energy Industry
Development
Act of 1983.
42 USC 6201
note.

SEC. 2. Part B of title II of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6271 and following), relating to the international energy program, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"DOMESTIC RENEWABLE ENERGY INDUSTRY AND RELATED SERVICE INDUSTRIES

"SEC. 256. (a) It is the purpose of this section to implement the responsibilities of the United States under chapter VII of the international energy program with respect to development of alternative energy by facilitating the overall abilities of the domestic renewable energy industry and related service industries to create new markets.

42 USC 6276.

"(b)(1) Before the later of—

"(A) 6 months after the date of the enactment of this section, and

"(B) May 31, 1985,

the Secretary of Commerce shall conduct an evaluation regarding the domestic renewable energy industry and related service industries and submit a report of his findings to the Congress.

Study.
Report.

"(2) Such evaluation shall include—

"(A) an assessment of the technical and commercial status of the domestic renewable energy industry and related service industries in domestic and foreign markets;

"(B) an assessment of the Federal Government's activities affecting commerce in the domestic renewable energy industry and related service industries and in consolidating and coordinating such activities within the Federal Government; and

"(C) an assessment of the aspects of the domestic renewable energy industry and related service industries in which improvements must be made to increase the international commercialization of such industry.

"(c)(1) On the basis of the evaluation under subsection (b), the Secretary of Commerce shall, consistent with existing law, establish a program for enhancing commerce in renewable energy technologies and consolidating or coordinating existing activities for such purpose.

Marketing.

"(2) Such program shall provide for—

"(A) the broadening of the participation by the domestic renewable energy industry and related service industries in such activities;

“(B) the promotion of the domestic renewable energy industry and related service industries on a worldwide basis;

“(C) the participation by the Federal Government and the domestic renewable energy industry and related service industries in international standard-setting activities; and

“(D) the establishment of an information program under which—

“(i) technical information about the domestic renewable energy industry and related service industries shall be provided to appropriate public and private officials engaged in commerce, and

“(ii) marketing information about export opportunities shall be available to the domestic renewable energy industry and related service industries.

“(3) Necessary funds required for carrying out such program shall be requested in connection with fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1984.

“(d) There shall be established an interagency working group which, in consultation with the representative industry groups and relevant agency heads, shall make recommendations to coordinate the actions and programs of the Federal Government affecting commerce in renewable energy products and related services. The Secretary of Energy shall be the chairman of such group. The heads of appropriate agencies may detail such personnel and may furnish such services to such working group, with or without reimbursement, as may be necessary to carry out its functions.”

(b) The table of contents for such Act is amended by inserting the following item after the item relating to section 255:

“Sec. 256. Domestic renewable energy industry and related service industries.”

SEC. 3. The amendments by this Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved July 18, 1984.

Effective date.
42 USC 6276
note.

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