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HOUSE BILL **1455**

AN ACT relative to the criteria for reliable energy sources.

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes energy security and clean energy standards by defining eligible energy sources for state programs, prioritizing domestic and dispatchable generation, and requiring that energy used in New Hampshire be affordable, reliable, and include hydrocarbons.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT relative to the criteria for reliable energy sources.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 New Chapter; Energy Security and Clean Energy Standards. Amend RSA by inserting after  
2 chapter 374-H the following new chapter:

3 CHAPTER 374-I

4 ENERGY SECURITY AND CLEAN ENERGY STANDARDS

5 374-I:1 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to promote energy security, affordability, and  
6 reliability in New Hampshire by prioritizing domestic energy sources, minimizing reliance on foreign  
7 adversaries, and establishing clear criteria for clean and green energy eligibility in state programs.

8 374-I:2 Definitions. In this chapter:

9 I. "Affordable" means the lowest cost method of providing electricity, accounting for the full  
10 lifecycle cost of each generation source.

11 II. "Dispatchable" means a source of electricity that is available on demand and can be  
12 adjusted by grid operators to meet real-time system needs, except during routine maintenance or  
13 repairs.

14 III. "Foreign adversary country" means any country designated as such under 10 U.S.C.  
15 section 4872(f)(2).

16 IV. "Reliable" means a source of electricity that is not subject to intermittent availability or  
17 routine daily weather variation and maintains a performance standard of at least 80 percent, except  
18 during routine maintenance or repairs.

19 374-I:3 Energy Security and Affordability.

20 I. The department of energy, in consultation with the public utilities commission, shall  
21 prioritize energy security and affordability by:

22 (a) Promoting the use of fuel sources produced primarily within the United States.

23 (b) Ensuring that fuel for nuclear reactors is sourced primarily from North America and  
24 not from foreign adversary countries, except as required by international treaty or similar  
25 instrument.

26 (c) Supporting infrastructure that reduces reliance on foreign nations for critical  
27 materials or manufacturing.

28 II. Energy sources used to serve New Hampshire customers shall:

29 (a) Be affordable.

30 (b) Be reliable.

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1 (c) Deliver cost savings to residential and commercial customers relative to energy  
2 sources listed in 42 U.S.C. section 15852(b), based on the average cost per unit of energy output,  
3 excluding any direct or indirect government subsidies over the past 5 years.

4 (d) Be dispatchable.

5 (e) Include energy generated by hydrocarbons.

6 374-I:4 Criteria for Reliable Energy Sources. Reliable energy sources shall be dispatchable to  
7 meet customer demand at all times of day and during all seasons; include energy generated by  
8 hydrocarbons; and, demonstrate grid stability by maintaining continuously dispatchable output,  
9 adjusting generation within one hour to stabilize the grid, and providing backup to renewable  
10 sources during periods of low availability.

11 374-I:5 Green Energy and Clean Energy Standards. For the purposes of any state program that  
12 funds “green energy” or “clean energy” initiatives, the following shall apply:

13 I. “Green energy” includes energy generated using sources listed in 42 U.S.C. section  
14 15852(b), or hydrocarbons combusted for electricity generation that meet the National Ambient Air  
15 Quality Standards under the Clean Air Act.

16 II. Green energy shall include energy generated by nuclear reactors and energy generated  
17 using natural gas.

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.