

1 S.32

2 Introduced by Senator Hartwell

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4 Date:

5 Subject: Taxation; income taxes; tax credit for biomass harvesting; biomass
6 products

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to create a tax credit for companies
8 engaged in biomass harvesting or the manufacture of products that produce
9 biomass power.

10 An act relating to tax credits for biomass harvesting and the manufacture of
11 products that produce biomass power

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. chapter 151, subchapter 11K is added to read:

14 Subchapter 11K. Other Tax Credits

15 § 5930gg. BIOMASS HARVESTING AND THE MANUFACTURE OF

16 PRODUCTS THAT PRODUCE BIOMASS POWER; TAX

17 CREDIT

18 (a) A taxpayer of this state who is engaged in biomass harvesting or the
19 manufacture of products that produce biomass power shall be eligible for a
20 nonrefundable credit against the tax imposed under this title in the amount of

1 six percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income derived from such
2 activities. Unused credits may be carried forward for a total of five
3 immediately succeeding taxable years.

4 (b) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the
5 following meanings:

6 (1) "Biomass" shall mean any organic material not derived from fossil
7 fuels, including but not limited to wood, agricultural or food wastes, and
8 organic refuse-driven waste, but not municipal solid waste.

9 (2) "Biomass harvesting" shall mean the gathering of biomass fuels for
10 sale or incorporation into products such as, but not limited to, wood pellets.

11 (3) "Biomass power" shall mean energy generated from renewable fuels
12 such as wood, agricultural or food wastes, and organic refuse-driven waste, but
13 not municipal solid waste.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2010.