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2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 146

- May 20, 2011 Introduced by Representatives SEVERSON, HONADEL, PETRYK, KLENKE, T. LARSON, BERNIER, BROOKS, JACQUE, KAPENGA, KNUDSON, KOOYENGA, KRUG, LEMAHIEU, LITJENS, RIVARD and SPANBAUER, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, MOULTON and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.
- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 196.378 (3) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** use of renewable 2 resource credits to comply with renewable portfolio standards.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, an electric utility or retail electric cooperative (electric provider) is subject to certain requirements for ensuring that, in a given year, a specified percentage of the electricity that the electric provider sells to retail customers or members is derived from renewable resources. Such requirements, which are commonly referred to as renewable portfolio standards (RPSs), are administered by the Public Service Commission (PSC). Current law allows for the creation of renewable resource credits that electric providers can use, sell, or purchase to help comply with an RPS. Current law imposes certain restrictions on the use of renewable resource credits, including a restriction that a credit may not be used after the fourth year after which the credit is created, unless the PSC promulgates rules specifying a different time period that is necessary for consistency with a regional renewable resource credit trading program that applies in this state. This bill eliminates that restriction.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 196.378 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1	196.378 (3) (c) A renewable resource credit created under s. 196.378 (3) (a),
2	2003 stats., may not be used after December 31, 2011. A renewable resource credit
3	created under par. (a) 1., 1m., or 2. may not be used after the 4th year after the year
4	in which the credit is created, except the commission may promulgate rules
5	specifying a different period of time if the commission determines that such period
6	is necessary for consistency with any regional renewable resource credit trading
7	program that applies in this state.

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