



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2013 Wisconsin Act 290**  
[2013 Assembly Bill 594]

**Renewable Portfolio Standard**

Retail providers of electricity (electric utilities and cooperatives) are required to ensure that a minimum amount of the electricity they sell is derived from renewable resources. The amount is a baseline amount (the average amount the electric provider sold in 2001, 2002, and 2003), plus an amount specified in statute expressed as a percent of total sales. For the year 2015 and each year thereafter, each electric provider is required to sell an amount of electricity from renewable resources that is 6 percentage points above its baseline.

Act 290 provides that, if an electric provider has a baseline that is greater than 12% and in 2014 its sales of electricity from renewable resources was greater than 14% of its total sales, it must, in 2015 and each year thereafter sell an amount of electricity from renewable resources that is 2 percentage points above its baseline.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.