Amend the bill in Section 1, in 35-A section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph B-4 (Page 2, lines 14-38 of LD)

B-4. "New" as applied to any renewable capacity resource that is a hydroelectric generator means the qualified hydroelectric output of a hydroelectric generator only. "New" as applied to any other renewable capacity resource means or a renewable capacity resource that:

1. Has an in-service date after September 1, 2005;

2. Was added to an existing facility after September 1, 2005;

3. For at least 2 years was not operated or was not recognized by the New England independent system operator as a capacity resource and, after September 1, 2005 but before September 1, 2019, resumed operation or was recognized by the New England independent system operator as a capacity resource; or

4. Was refurbished after September 1, 2005 and is operating beyond its previous useful life or is employing an alternate technology that significantly increases the efficiency of the generation process. Received certification from the commission:

   a. Before September 1, 2019 that it is operating beyond its previous useful life or employing an alternate technology that significantly increases the efficiency of the generation process; or

   b. On or after September 1, 2019 that it is operating beyond its previous useful life as evidenced by a finding that the facility would be reasonably likely to cease operation if not for substantial capital investment made after September 1, 2018.

For the purposes of this paragraph, "capacity resource" has the same meaning as in section 3210-C, subsection 1, paragraph A. For the purposes of this paragraph, "to refurbish" means to make an investment in equipment or facilities, other than for routine maintenance and repair, to renovate, reequip or restore the renewable capacity resource.
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Presented by Senator Vitelli (May 7, 2019)

➢ **Further amend the bill in Section 2,** in 35-A section 3210-G, subsection 1, paragraph A (Page 8, lines 19-23 of LD)

A. *Beginning in 2019 Between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2024,* the commission shall conduct a minimum of 3 competitive solicitations under this section to procure for an amount of energy or renewable energy credits from new renewable capacity resources in each calendar year that is at least equal to 1/2 of the total portfolio of new renewable capacity resources required in that year under section 3210, subsection 3-A that, in the aggregate, is at least equal to 20 percent of retail electricity sales in this State for the period from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, as determined by the commission.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment makes two changes to the bill.

1. It amends the definition of “new” with respect to renewable capacity resources as presented in the bill to include hydroelectric generators that qualify as new renewable capacity resources as in current law.

2. It clarifies the provision of the bill regarding competitive solicitations for new renewable capacity resources to specify that there will be at least 3 solicitations between 2020-2024 to procure, in aggregate, an amount that is at least equal to 20% of retail electricity sales.