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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
146th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 86

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO TERMINATING THE REGIONAL  
GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE AND CO2 EMISSION TRADING PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, Delaware's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) has a goal of reducing  
2 carbon dioxide (CO2) production; and

3 WHEREAS, the goal of RGGI is to reduce CO2 emissions by 10% by 2019 from Delaware electrical power plants  
4 over 25 megawatts in size; and

5 WHEREAS, Delaware has already far exceeded the goal of 10% reduction by 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, changes already in effect have reduced emissions 41%; and

7 WHEREAS, Delaware's high cost of electricity is costing approximately \$500 per home per year in higher energy  
8 costs; and

9 WHEREAS, employers leave the State or decide not to locate in Delaware due to its 50% higher electricity costs;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Maine are considering terminating; and

12 WHEREAS, the decade-long effort in Delaware is replaced by increased emissions in China every 68 seconds; and

13 WHEREAS, program revenues are collected and mostly spent by non-transparent, non-governmental  
14 organizations and the loss of this revenue will not significantly impact the State budget; and

15 WHEREAS, the impact of the energy efficiency improvements of the program are less than 1% of the  
16 unsubsidized annual energy efficiency improvements in the general economy attributable to normal market forces.

17 NOW THEREFORE:

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

19 Section 1. Amend Chapter 60, Title 7, Delaware Code by striking Subchapter II-A in its entirety.

SYNOPSIS

This bill terminates Delaware's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and will save money for every electricity user in Delaware.