

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 67-300 of the Code of Virginia, relating to offshore energy resources.*

3 [S 394]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 67-300 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 CHAPTER 3.

8 OFFSHORE NATURAL GAS AND WIND ENERGY RESOURCES.

9 § 67-300. Offshore energy resources.

10 A. In recognition of the need for energy independence, it shall be the policy of the Commonwealth  
11 to support federal efforts to determine:12 1. *Determine the extent of oil and natural gas resources 50 miles or more off the Atlantic shoreline,*  
13 *including appropriate federal funding for such an investigation; and*14 2. *Permit the production and development of oil and natural gas resources 50 miles or more off the*  
15 *Atlantic shoreline taking into account the impact on affected localities, the armed forces of the United*  
16 *States of America, and the mid-Atlantic regional spaceport.*17 B. The policy of the Commonwealth shall further support the inclusion of the Atlantic Planning  
18 Areas in the Minerals Management Service's draft environmental impact statement with respect to *oil*  
19 *and natural gas exploration, production, and development 50 miles or more off the Atlantic shoreline.*  
20 ~~Nothing in this Act shall be construed as a policy statement on the executive or Congressional moratoria~~  
21 ~~on production and development of natural gas off the Atlantic shoreline.~~22 B C. It shall be the policy of the Commonwealth to support federal efforts to examine the feasibility  
23 of offshore wind energy being utilized in an environmentally responsible fashion.

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