

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 67 a section numbered 67-103,*  
3 *relating to the Commonwealth Energy Policy; local renewable energy facility siting ordinances.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 67 a section numbered**  
8 **67-103 as follows:**

9 *§ 67-103. Role of local governments in achieving objectives of the Commonwealth Energy Policy.*

10 *In the development of any local ordinance addressing the siting of renewable energy facilities that*  
11 *generate electricity from wind or solar resources, the ordinance shall:*

12 *1. Be consistent with the provisions of the Commonwealth Energy Policy pursuant to subsection C of*  
13 *§ 67-102;*

14 *2. Provide reasonable criteria to be addressed in the siting of any renewable energy facility that*  
15 *generates electricity from wind and solar resources. The criteria shall provide for the protection of the*  
16 *locality in a manner consistent with the goals of the Commonwealth to promote the generation of energy*  
17 *from wind and solar resources; and*

18 *3. Include provisions establishing reasonable requirements upon the siting of any such renewable*  
19 *energy facility, including provisions limiting noise, requiring buffer areas and setbacks, and addressing*  
20 *generation facility decommissioning.*

21 *Any measures required by the ordinance shall be consistent with the locality's existing ordinances.*

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