

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 67-200 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by*  
3 *adding in Title 67 a chapter numbered 17, consisting of a section numbered 67-1700, relating to*  
4 *nuclear energy; strategic plan.*

5 [S 549]

6 Approved

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

8 **1. That § 67-200 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia**  
9 **is amended by adding in Title 67 a chapter numbered 17, consisting of a section numbered**  
10 **67-1700, as follows:**

11 **§ 67-200. Definitions.**

12 As used in this title:

13 *"Department" means the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.*14 *"Division" means the Division of Energy of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.*15 *"Plan" means the Virginia Energy Plan prepared pursuant to this chapter, including any updates*  
16 *thereto.*17 **CHAPTER 17.**18 **NUCLEAR ENERGY PLANNING.**19 **§ 67-1700. Nuclear energy; strategic plan.**

20 *A. The Department and the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade and Education shall work in*  
21 *coordination with the Virginia Nuclear Energy Consortium Authority (VNECA), established pursuant to*  
22 *Chapter 14 (§ 67-1400 et seq.), and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority,*  
23 *established pursuant to Article 4 (§ 2.2-2234 et seq.) of Chapter 22 of Title 2.2, to develop a strategic*  
24 *plan for nuclear energy as part of the Commonwealth's overall goal of carbon-free energy.*

25 *B. Such plan may include (i) the promotion of new technologies and opportunities for innovation,*  
26 *including advanced manufacturing; (ii) the establishment of a collaborative research center and*  
27 *university nuclear leadership program to promote education in fields that meet the workforce demands*  
28 *of Virginia's nuclear industry; and (iii) recognition of the role of nuclear energy in the Commonwealth's*  
29 *goal of employing 100 percent carbon-free sources of energy by 2050.*

30 *C. Such plan shall be completed by October 1, 2020, shall be updated every four years thereafter,*  
31 *and shall be published on the Internet by VNECA.*