

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-2288.8, relating to special*
3 *exceptions for solar photovoltaic projects.*

4 [S 870]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-2288.8 as follows:**8 **§ 15.2-2288.8. *Special exceptions for solar photovoltaic projects.***

9 *A. Any locality may grant a special exception pursuant to § 15.2-2286, and include in its zoning*
10 *ordinance reasonable regulations and provisions for a special exception as defined in § 15.2-2201, for*
11 *any solar photovoltaic (electric energy) project.*

12 *B. The governing body of such locality may grant a condition that includes (i) dedication of real*
13 *property of substantial value or (ii) substantial cash payments for or construction of substantial public*
14 *improvements, the need for which is not generated solely by the granting of a conditional use permit, so*
15 *long as such conditions are reasonably related to the project.*

16 *C. Once a condition is granted pursuant to subsection B, such condition shall continue in effect until*
17 *a subsequent amendment changes the zoning on the property for which the conditions were granted.*
18 *However, such conditions shall continue if the subsequent amendment is part of a comprehensive*
19 *implementation of a new or substantially revised zoning ordinance.*

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