

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 10.1-1197.5 of the Code of Virginia, relating to small renewable energy*
3 *projects; permit by rule.*

4 [H 2426]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 10.1-1197.5 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 10.1-1197.5. Definitions.**

9 As used in this article:

10 "Energy storage facility" means energy storage equipment or technology that is capable of absorbing
11 energy, storing such energy for a period of time, and redelivering energy after it has been stored.12 "*Interconnection facilities*" means *generation tie lines, collector lines, substations, switching stations, and*
13 *any other component required to connect an electrical generation facility with the electrical grid.*14 "Small renewable energy project" means (i) an electrical generation facility with a rated capacity not
15 exceeding 150 megawatts that generates electricity only from sunlight or wind *and its dedicated associated*
16 *interconnection facilities*; (ii) an electrical generation facility with a rated capacity not exceeding 100
17 megawatts that generates electricity only from falling water, wave motion, tides, or geothermal power *and its*
18 *dedicated associated interconnection facilities*; (iii) an electrical generation facility with a rated capacity not
19 exceeding 20 megawatts that generates electricity only from biomass, energy from waste, or municipal solid
20 waste *and its dedicated associated interconnection facilities*; (iv) an energy storage facility that uses
21 electrochemical cells to convert chemical energy with a rated capacity not exceeding 150 megawatts *and its*
22 *dedicated associated interconnection facilities*; or (v) a hybrid project composed of an electrical generation
23 facility that meets the parameters established in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) and an energy storage facility that
24 meets the parameters established in clause (iv).25 **2. That the Department of Environmental Quality and the State Corporation Commission shall enter**
26 **into a memorandum of understanding to implement the provisions of this act.**27 **3. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.**

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