**HOUSE BILL NO. 2087** 

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Governor

on March 24, 2025)

25108399D

2 3 4

1

5

6 7 8

9 10 11

12

## (Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Shin) A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 56-581.2 and to repeal § 56-585.1:13 of the Code of Virginia, relating to electric utilities; transportation electrification.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 56-581.2 as follows: § 56-581.2. Transportation electrification.

A. As used in this section, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Competitive service provider" has the same meaning as provided in subsection B of 20VAC5-312-10 of the Virginia Administrative Code.

"Electrical distribution infrastructure" means equipment, structures, and associated engineering and civil construction work designed to support electric vehicle charging stations, including poles, vaults, service drops, transformers, mounting pads, trenching, conduit, wire, cable, meters, and other necessary equipment.

"Phase I Utility" and "Phase II Utility" have the same meanings as provided in subdivision A 1 of § 56-585.1.

"Transportation electrification" means the use of electricity from external sources to power all or part of passenger vehicles, trucks, buses, trains, boats, or other equipment that transport materials, goods, or people.

B. In order to ensure the generation and delivery of a reliable and adequate supply of electricity to customers, to meet a Phase I or Phase II Utility's projected native load obligations to ratepayers, and to promote economic development, no Phase I or Phase II Utility shall develop, own, maintain, or operate any retail electric vehicle charging stations that sell directly to the public.

C. To ensure that (i) electrical distribution infrastructure costs associated with transportation electrification are borne directly by transportation consumers instead of by electric ratepayers of a Phase I or Phase II Utility and (ii) the private marketplace is utilized in developing electric vehicle charging stations, and notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, any public-facing retailer offering electric vehicle charging station services may purchase electricity from a competitive service provider. Such retailer shall not be subject to the limitations on or requirements for returning to service by an incumbent electric utility provided in § 56-577.

D. To the extent that the provisions of this section are inconsistent with the provisions of § 56-585.1, the provisions of this section shall control.

E. The Commission may promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

2. That § 56-585.1:13 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.