

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to convene stakeholder workgroups to evaluate shared solar programs for Phase I Utilities and*
3 *electric cooperatives in the Commonwealth.*

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5 Approved

[S 660]

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

7 **1.** *§ 1. The State Corporation Commission shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to evaluate shared*
8 *solar programs for Phase I Utilities and those utilities subject to the exemption in subsection G of*
9 *§ 56-580 of the Code of Virginia. The stakeholder workgroup shall include representatives from the*
10 *Coalition for Community Solar Access, Phase I Utilities, the Department of Energy, low-income*
11 *community solar advocates, consumer protection advocates, solar advocacy organizations, environmental*
12 *advocacy organizations, the Chesapeake Solar and Storage Association and other solar industry and*
13 *shared solar stakeholders, and community advocacy groups. The stakeholder workgroup shall permit*
14 *remote or electronic participation in meetings, which may be held at any location in the Commonwealth.*
15 *The staff of the State Corporation Commission (the Commission) shall facilitate and document the*
16 *proceedings of the stakeholder workgroup and submit a written report to the Chairmen of the House*
17 *Committee on Commerce and Energy and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor no later than*
18 *November 30, 2022, and make copies of the report publicly available on the Commission's website at*
19 *the same time as submission to the House and Senate Committees.*

20 *Additionally, the Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives and the*
21 *Coalition for Community Solar Access shall jointly convene a stakeholder process to evaluate shared*
22 *solar programs for electric cooperatives. This stakeholder process shall include representatives from*
23 *electric distribution cooperatives, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, the Department of Energy,*
24 *low-income community solar advocates, consumer protection advocates, solar advocacy organizations,*
25 *environmental advocacy organizations, the Chesapeake Solar and Storage Association and other solar*
26 *industry and shared solar stakeholders, agricultural associations, and staff of the Commission. This*
27 *stakeholder process shall permit remote or electronic participation in meetings, which may be held at*
28 *any location in the Commonwealth. The Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware Association of Electric*
29 *Cooperatives and the Coalition for Community Solar Access shall facilitate and document the*
30 *proceedings of the stakeholder workgroup and submit a written report to the Chairmen of the House*
31 *Committee on Commerce and Energy and the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor no later than*
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