

1 S.105

2 Introduced by Senators Lyons, Campbell, McCormack, Pollina, and

3 Zuckerman

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Land use; natural resources; energy; regional planning and

7 development; electric energy siting

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require

9 regional planning commissions to plan for the siting of renewable electric

10 energy plants.

11 An act relating to regional planning for renewable electric energy

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 4348a is amended to read:

14 § 4348a. ELEMENTS OF A REGIONAL PLAN

15 (a) A regional plan shall be consistent with the goals established in section

16 4302 of this title and shall include but need not be limited to the following:

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1 (3) An energy element, which:

2 (A) may include an analysis of energy resources, needs, scarcities,
3 costs, and problems within the region, a statement of policy on the
4 conservation of energy and the development of renewable energy resources,
5 and a statement of policy on patterns and densities of land use and control
6 devices likely to result in conservation of energy; and

7 (B) shall include the renewable electric energy siting plan under
8 section 4348c of this title;

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10 Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. § 4348c is added to read:

11 § 4348c. RENEWABLE ELECTRIC ENERGY; SITING PLAN

12 (a) In this section, the following shall have the same meaning as under
13 30 V.S.A. § 8002: “plant” and “plant capacity.”

14 (b) Each regional planning commission shall adopt a plan for siting, within
15 its region, plants that generate electricity from renewable energy resources.
16 This plan shall be adopted as part of or an amendment to the regional plan.

17 (c) The plan shall provide for the siting within the region of a mix of plants
18 using different categories of renewable energy resources that, taken together,
19 will have an average daily electric energy production under normal operating
20 conditions of not less than 1,500 kilowatt hours. The plan shall include a map
21 showing the recommended locations for the siting of these plants. In

1 determining the amount of renewable electric generation to be sited, the
2 regional planning commission shall account for plants in the region, such as
3 plants under 30 V.S.A. § 219a (net metering systems) and § 8005a (SPEED;
4 standard offer program), that are in service and that generate electricity from
5 renewable energy resources.

6 (d) In developing the siting plan, the regional planning commission shall
7 apply the resource maps developed by the Secretary of Natural Resources
8 under 10 V.S.A. § 127, protect the resources under 10 V.S.A. § 6086(a), and
9 consider the energy policy set forth in 30 V.S.A. §§ 202a and 8001 and the
10 state energy plans adopted under 30 V.S.A. §§ 202 and 202b.

11 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION

12 On or before December 15, 2014, each regional planning commission shall
13 adopt a renewable electric energy siting plan under Sec. 2 of this act, 24 V.S.A.
14 § 4348c.

15 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.