



**House Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure
Reported Substitute for HB617**

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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to solar power; to prohibit the construction and operation of new solar power facilities for one year.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, the term "solar power facility" means a large-scale, ground-mounted installation of photovoltaic panels that are designed to generate electricity using solar power for use off-site or sale to a third party, including all equipment and facilities required to operate the facility and transmit generated electricity.

(b) In order to protect the coastline and watershed, for one year after the effective date of this act, a solar power facility not operating or under construction on the effective date of this act may not be constructed or operated in any county that borders the Gulf of America.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.