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COMMUNITY ENERGY (CO-OWNERSHIP) BILL, 2017

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Acts referred to

Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30)



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TITLE OF BILL IN IRISH ACT, 2015

Bill

Entitled

An Act to create a planning condition that enables local communities to invest in a renewable energy project, to create a new prescribed class of development to which such a planning condition can be attached and to provide for other related matters.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Interpretation

1. “Act of 2000” means the Planning and Development Act 2000

Provision of Co-ownership for Local Communities

2. The Act of 2000 is amended by inserting after section 48 the following Section:

“Provision of Co-ownership in Renewable Energy for Local Communities

48A. (a) A planning authority or the Board shall, when granting permission under this Act, include a condition requiring the reservation or allocation of a 30% financial share for the local community in the project equity of the following classes of proposed renewable developments:

- (i) wind-farm developments over 0.5 Megawatts
- (ii) solar developments above self-generation level
- (iii) biomass above self-generation level

(iv) renewable energy developments under a certain size as specified by the Minister in regulations.

(v) any other such renewable energy development as specified by the Minister in regulations.

(b) in including such a condition the planning authority or Board shall do so in accordance with criteria specified in guidelines issued by the Minister under section 28.”

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