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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 973**

Offered January 24, 2000

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 3.1 a section numbered 3.1-73.5:1, relating to local retail farmers markets.

Patrons—Van Yahres and Harris; Senator: Couric

Referred to Committee on Agriculture

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 3.1 a section numbered 3.1-73.5:1 as follows:

§ 3.1-73.5:1. Local retail farmers markets.

Any locality may establish, operate and maintain a local retail farmers market. The local retail farmers market may be part of the network of farmers markets within the Commonwealth or independent of such network. Nothing in this section shall invalidate the actions of any locality taken prior to enactment of this section.