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**HOUSE BILL NO. 973**

House Amendments in [ ] — February 1, 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 [ request to ] be part of the network of farmers markets within the Commonwealth or [ may be ] independent of such network. Nothing in this section shall invalidate the actions of any locality taken prior to enactment of this section.*

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