

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-1129.1, relating to creation*  
3 *of arts and cultural district.*

4 [H 2360]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-1129.1 as follows:**8 *§ 15.2-1129.1. Creation of arts and cultural district.*

9 *A. The cities of Harrisonburg and Charlottesville may by ordinance establish within their boundaries*  
10 *an arts and cultural district for the purpose of increasing awareness and support for the arts and*  
11 *culture in the city. Each city may provide incentives for the support and creation of arts and cultural*  
12 *venues in the district. Each city may also grant tax incentives and provide certain regulatory flexibility*  
13 *in an arts and cultural district.*

14 *B. The tax incentives may be provided for up to ten years and may include, but not be limited to: (i)*  
15 *reduction of permit fees; (ii) reduction of user fees; and (iii) reduction of any type of gross receipts tax.*  
16 *The extent and duration of such incentive proposals shall conform to the requirements of the*  
17 *Constitutions of Virginia and of the United States.*

18 *C. Each city may also provide for regulatory flexibility in such zone which may include, but not be*  
19 *limited to: (i) special zoning for the district; (ii) permit process reform; (iii) exemption from ordinances;*  
20 *and (iv) any other incentive adopted by ordinance, which shall be binding upon the locality for a period*  
21 *of up to ten years.*

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