010579788 1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 2371** 2 3 4 5 6 Offered January 10, 2001 Prefiled January 10, 2001 A BILL to amend and reenact § 7.1-42 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the official language of the Commonwealth. Patron—Joannou 7 89 Referred to Committee on General Laws 10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 7.1-42 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 11 12 § 7.1-42. English designated the official language of the Commonwealth. English shall be designated as the official language of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Except as 13 14 provided by law, no state agency or local government shall be required to provide and no state agency or local government shall be prohibited from providing any documents, information, literature or other

written materials in any language other than English.