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**SENATE BILL NO. 965**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-609.9 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sales and use tax exemption; cultural.*

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 Referred to Committee on Finance
 

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**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 58.1-609.9 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 58.1-609.9. Nonprofit cultural organization exemptions.

The tax imposed by this chapter or pursuant to the authority granted in §§ 58.1-605 and 58.1-606 shall not apply to the following:

1. Through June 30, 2001, historical documents, maps, rare books and manuscripts acquired for use or consumption by a nonprofit state historical society, exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which has a research library, a museum, and an educational department, all open to the public.

2. Through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by (i) a nonprofit museum of fine arts which is located on property owned by a city in Virginia and which receives more than one-half its operating budget from appropriations by the city or (ii) a nonprofit regional science-technology museum.

3. Through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for the use or consumption of a nonstock corporation, exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, whose principal activity is conducted on real property owned by any city in the Commonwealth, organized exclusively for the purpose of operating, managing, promoting and improving a public park and museum for recreational and educational purposes.

4. Through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for charitable or educational purposes by an organization exempt under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized exclusively (i) to care for the spiritual needs of American Indians, (ii) to communicate to the non-Indian the values, customs, philosophy and special needs of the American Indian, (iii) to meet the urgent needs of American Indians through nationwide charitable distribution programs, and (iv) to encourage awareness of American Indian arts, crafts and customs provided such property is distributed by the organization through its nationwide charitable distribution program.

5. From July 1, 1989, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit foundation exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized for the purpose of promoting a permanent memorial to a former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

6. From July 1, 1989, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit museum exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and operating for the purpose of commemorating and preserving in a central repository the culture and history of black people in Virginia through a collection of memoirs, artifacts, displays, exhibits and other related historical data.

7. From July 1, 1989, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonstock, nonprofit organization which (i) is exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, (ii) operates exclusively for educational and charitable purposes to promote the study, performance and public awareness of music by presenting performances of live music to youths and family groups, (iii) receives funding annually from at least three local governments in Virginia and from the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and (iv) charges no fees for children to attend the musical performances.

8. From July 1, 1989, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit cultural organization, exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which educates children about the arts, humanities and nature on a regular basis through museum exhibits, classes and performances.

9. From July 1, 1989, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a national and international, nonprofit, scientific, and educational organization, exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, whose resources are devoted to preserving ecologically significant areas in order to safeguard rare or endangered species or critical

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59 natural habitats.

60 10. Through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a  
61 nonstock, nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
62 and organized exclusively to provide a public park and botanical garden for the entertainment and  
63 recreation of the citizens of the Commonwealth and to promote the advancement of botanical science  
64 through research and education of science students.

65 11. a. From July 1, 1990, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
66 consumption by a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the  
67 Internal Revenue Code and which coordinates and promotes art in the Roanoke Valley.

68 b. From July 1, 1995, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
69 consumption by a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the  
70 Internal Revenue Code and which coordinates and promotes art in the Shenandoah Valley.

71 12. From July 1, 1995, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
72 consumption by a nonprofit corporation which is exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the  
73 Internal Revenue Code and which is organized under the laws of the Commonwealth primarily for the  
74 purposes of (i) promoting the best interests and welfare of the Jewish community; (ii) enriching and  
75 furthering an appreciation of the spiritual, cultural, and ethical heritages and values of Judaism as they  
76 apply to the Jewish way of life in America; and (iii) promoting fellowship, harmony, and rapport among  
77 Americans of the Jewish faith and among all citizens of the community at large.

78 13. From July 1, 1995, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
79 consumption by an organization exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
80 and organized exclusively to commemorate the adoption of Virginia's Statute for Religious Freedom.

81 14. From July 1, 1995, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
82 consumption by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal  
83 Revenue Code and organized exclusively to produce contemporary American and English theatre by  
84 professional artists from throughout the country for the education and entertainment of Virginians.

85 15. From July 1, 1995, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
86 consumption by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal  
87 Revenue Code and organized to collect, preserve and disseminate information concerning genealogical  
88 and historical data; to advance the practice of thorough and ethical research; to foster careful  
89 documentation and scholarly writing; and to issue publications relating to the field of genealogy.

90 16. From July 1, 1995, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
91 consumption by a nonprofit community theatre organization exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of  
92 the Internal Revenue Code and organized exclusively to present a summer musical production within the  
93 boundaries of the Fourth Planning District Commission established pursuant to § 15.2-4203 for the  
94 education and entertainment of Virginians.

95 17. From July 1, 1995, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
96 consumption by a nonstock, nonprofit charitable corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c)  
97 (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and from local property taxes and organized and operated to hold,  
98 manage, preserve, and exhibit a Virginia estate and home of the first President of the United States; to  
99 operate a library, open to the public and researchers free of charge, holding books, manuscripts,  
100 documents, and graphic arts relating to the life and times of such President; and to provide educational  
101 programs for students and teachers.

102 18. From July 1, 1997, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
103 consumption by, or sold by, a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of  
104 the Internal Revenue Code and organized exclusively to foster, promote and increase the musical  
105 knowledge, appreciation, experience and performing ability of young people and of the general public,  
106 by establishing, maintaining and operating one or more youth symphony orchestras in the  
107 Commonwealth.

108 19. From July 1, 1997, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
109 consumption by a nonprofit foundation exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal  
110 Revenue Code and organized to encourage interest in the fine and performing arts by providing an  
111 opportunity for the general public to observe works of classical and contemporary artists and to provide  
112 instruction and training for individuals in, and facilities for experimentation and development of, the  
113 composition and presentation of the fine and the performing arts.

114 20. From July 1, 1997, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
115 consumption by a nonstock, nonprofit performing arts organization exempt from taxation pursuant to  
116 § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code which (i) provides professional theatrical productions at a  
117 reasonable cost to audiences in the Commonwealth, (ii) receives financial support from the  
118 Commonwealth, (iii) leases facilities from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and (iv) is dedicated to  
119 engendering an appreciation for theatre in the Commonwealth.

120 21. From July 1, 1997, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or

consumption by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized exclusively to acquire, reconstruct and preserve the adult home and burial place of a signer of the Declaration of Independence and to cooperate with universities within the Commonwealth in training artisans, architects and others in preservation skills.

22. From July 1, 1997, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and from local property taxes and organized and operated for the purpose of acquiring, renovating, constructing, and operating a Civil War site and museum and an adjacent Civil War era residence.

23. From July 1, 1997, through June 30, 2001, the sale or charges for any room or rooms, lodgings, accommodations, or meals furnished, and tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a Jewish women's nonprofit charitable corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized to provide (i) opportunities for health education programs, primarily regarding women's health care, (ii) youth activities, (iii) education on issues of importance to the community, and (iv) opportunities for doctors from Israel to participate in an exchange program with physicians associated with medical colleges in Virginia.

24. From July 1, 1998, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized exclusively to build and maintain through a nonprofit plan a permanent concert audience and to cultivate in individuals an interest in good music performed by qualified artists.

25. From July 1, 1998, through June 30, 2001, all tangible personal property, other than tangible personal property purchased for resale in the gift shop, purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit corporation which is exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is organized to preserve and exhibit objects relating to the history of the Fredericksburg area.

26. From July 1, 1998, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized for the purpose of providing opportunities for cultural enrichment, educational ventures and personal growth through musical concerts, an art league and affordable studio and office space for artists and community groups.

27. From July 1, 1998, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit, nonstock corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized exclusively to establish and promote a facility for the collection, maintenance, exhibition and interpretation of the history of a city by providing a medium for the exchange of ideas and information and for historic research, preservation and educational purposes; by administering property; and by sponsoring cooperative planning, research, fund-raising and public educational programs.

28. From July 1, 1998, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized exclusively to (i) present internationally acclaimed artists in the Commonwealth, (ii) showcase art excellence from the Commonwealth to others, and (iii) increase the appreciation of the arts among school children.

29. From July 1, 1998, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized for the purpose of operating, managing, and promoting a museum dedicated to recording, preserving, and providing information relating to the history of a city located in the Hampton Roads area.

30. From July 1, 1998, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized for the purpose of promoting public interest and participation in the study, research, interpretation, preservation, restoration, and dissemination of Virginia's cultural, historical, and scientific heritage by providing resources and support for Virginia's museums and historic sites by, among other things, conducting education and training for museum staff and volunteers.

31. From July 1, 1998, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized exclusively to perpetuate a memorial to Holocaust victims and survivors as well as to educate the general public through tours and lectures about the Holocaust.

32. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and (i) operating for the purpose of preserving, protecting, and promoting awareness of the historic, natural, and cultural resources of a county located in the Sixteenth Planning District established pursuant to § 15.2-4203; and (ii) accomplishing this purpose by such means as donating

182 applicable books to libraries, the placing of historic markers, and providing or arranging historic and  
183 cultural tours in such counties.

184 33. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
185 consumption by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal  
186 Revenue Code and organized to promote the performing arts by providing theatrical facilities at below  
187 market cost to nonprofit performing arts groups and promoters.

188 34. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
189 consumption by a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal  
190 Revenue Code and organized to produce special events and festivals designed to bring the community  
191 together and promote public interest in downtown Richmond.

192 35. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
193 consumption by a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal  
194 Revenue Code and organized to promote preservation of the rural and small-town character of the  
195 Shenandoah Valley by facilitating natural resource conservation and environmentally sound land use.

196 36. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
197 consumption by a nonprofit corporation, located within the boundaries of the Eighteenth Planning  
198 District established pursuant to § 15.2-4203, which is exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of  
199 the Internal Revenue Code and organized to promote maritime history and education through such  
200 activities as, but not limited to (i) the establishment of a museum dedicated to the shipbuilding industry;  
201 (ii) archeological investigations of shipbuilding sites; and (iii) the reconstruction and maintenance of a  
202 19th century shipbuilding and fishing village.

203 37. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
204 consumption by a nonprofit corporation, located within the boundaries of the Fifth Planning District  
205 established pursuant to § 15.2-4203, which is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to § 501 (c)  
206 (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized for the purpose of promoting activities related to  
207 genealogy, including, but not limited to, research, education, record keeping, and collection and  
208 publication of documents.

209 38. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
210 consumption by a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal  
211 Revenue Code and organized to provide support to the University of Virginia's Orland E. White  
212 Arboretum, Inc., the state arboretum, through scientific research, cultural and education programs for the  
213 public, and financial assistance for tangible improvements.

214 39. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
215 consumption by a nonprofit corporation, located within the boundaries of the Eleventh Planning District  
216 pursuant to § 15.2-4203, which is exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue  
217 Code, which conducts symphony performances and educational programs on music in the central  
218 Virginia area.

219 40. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
220 consumption by a nonprofit corporation, located within the boundaries of the Eleventh Planning District  
221 pursuant to § 15.2-4203, which is exempt from taxation under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue  
222 Code and organized to promote African-American history and culture through programs, exhibitions, and  
223 the cataloging and storing of historical artifacts for scholars.

224 41. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
225 consumption by a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal  
226 Revenue Code and organized (i) to collect and display to the public a representative sample of past and  
227 present military vehicles; (ii) to gather, write, edit, publish and otherwise create and disseminate material  
228 relating to the history of military vehicles; and (iii) to promote public awareness and understanding of  
229 the contribution military vehicles have made to various nations.

230 42. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
231 consumption by a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal  
232 Revenue Code and organized (i) to collect and display to the public a representative sample of past and  
233 present military vehicles; (ii) to gather, write, edit, publish and otherwise create and disseminate material  
234 relating to the history of military vehicles; and (iii) to promote public awareness and understanding of  
235 the contribution military vehicles have made to various nations.

236 43. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
237 consumption by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal  
238 Revenue Code and organized primarily for the purpose of operating a museum and providing  
239 educational programs on the life and times of General George C. Marshall.

240 44. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or  
241 consumption by a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal  
242 Revenue Code and organized exclusively to study and preserve the social, economic and political history  
243 of a village and its surrounding areas, located in a county with a population of at least 57,450 but no

more than 60,000, by preserving the historical sites, artifacts and buildings.

45. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized for the purpose of operating a museum dedicated to (i) promoting interest in the history of western Virginia, (ii) collecting, interpreting, preserving and making available materials relating to that history, and (iii) providing educational services to people and institutions throughout western Virginia.

46. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized for the purpose of operating a year-round, professional theatre serving the western area of Virginia with cultural and educational programs and outreach services to youth.

47. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit corporation located within the boundaries of the Thirteenth Planning District established pursuant to § 15.2-4203 exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized for the purpose of establishing a regional cultural arts center that will promote, provide, and preserve the performing and visual arts for the education of the citizens in the southern region of Virginia.

48. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit organization located within the boundaries of the Eleventh Planning District established pursuant to § 15.2-4203 which is (i) exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and (ii) organized for the purpose of operating and managing a museum dedicated to historic preservation, restoration and research.

49. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized for the purpose of promoting interdisciplinary scholarship and research of nineteenth century culture and supporting that purpose, in part, by sponsoring an annual conference, an annual journal, and an annual newsletter.

50. From July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and organized to give students interested in acting, directing, and playwriting a chance to explore their talents in a professional setting; and to produce drama which speaks to current cultural issues such as discrimination and war.

*51. Beginning July 1, 2001, and ending July 1, 2006, tangible personal property purchased for use or consumption by a nonprofit corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and operating as a museum serving the Shenandoah Valley by, including but not limited to, collecting and interpreting historical and humanities materials, documents, and arts, disseminating historical information, and providing scholarly programs relating to the history of living in the Shenandoah Valley.*