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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 3.1-398.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to inspections of food stores.

3 4	[H 766] [H 766]
5	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
6	1. That § 3.1-398.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:
7	§ 3.1-398.1. Inspections required to operate food establishment.
8	No person shall operate a food manufacturing plant, food storage warehouse, or retail food store until
9	it has been inspected by the Commissioner. This section shall not apply to food manufacturing plants
10	operating under a grant of inspection from the Bureau of Meat and Poultry Inspection or a permit from
11	the Bureau of Dairy Services of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and
12	Grade A fluid milk manufacturing plants and shellfish and crustacea processing plants operating under a
13	permit from the Virginia Department of Health. This section shall also not apply to: (<i>i</i>) any nonprofit
14	organizations holding one-day food sales, or (<i>ii</i>) any retail establishments that (a) do not prepare or
15	serve food; (b) sell only food or beverages that are sealed in packaging by the manufacturer and have
16	been officially inspected in the manufacturing process; (c) do not sell infant formulas; (d) do not sell
17	salvaged foods; and (e) certify to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that they meet
18	the foregoing provisions of this section. Retail establishments that meet the provisions of clause (<i>ii</i>) shall
19	be exempt from inspection and the inspection fees; however, nothing in this section shall prevent the
20	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from inspecting any retail establishment if a
21	consumer complaint is received.