

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 38 of Title 58.1 an article numbered 10,*  
3 *consisting of a section numbered 58.1-3851, relating to the creation of local tourism zones.*

4 [H 518]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 38 of Title 58.1 an article**  
8 **numbered 10, consisting of a section numbered 58.1-3851, as follows:**

9 *Article 10.*10 *Local Tourism Zone.*11 *§ 58.1-3851. Creation of local tourism zones.*

12 *A. Any city, county, or town may establish, by ordinance, one or more tourism zones. Each locality*  
13 *may grant tax incentives and provide certain regulatory flexibility in a tourism zone.*

14 *B. The tax incentives may be provided for up to 10 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. The governing body may also provide for regulatory flexibility in such zone that may include, but*  
19 *not be limited to (i) special zoning for the district, (ii) permit process reform, (iii) exemption from*  
20 *ordinances, excluding ordinances or provisions of ordinances adopted pursuant to the requirements of*  
21 *the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (§ 10.1-2100 et seq.), the Erosion and Sediment Control Law*  
22 *(§ 10.1-560 et seq.), or the Virginia Stormwater Management Act (§ 10.1-603.1 et seq.), and (iv) any*  
23 *other incentive adopted by ordinance, which shall be binding upon the locality for a period of up to 10*  
24 *years.*

25 *D. The establishment of a tourism zone shall not preclude the area from also being designated as an*  
26 *enterprise zone.*