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## HOUSE BILL NO. 2353

Offered January 20, 1997

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 3.1-17.1, relating to a century farm program.*

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 3.1-17.1 as follows:**

*§ 3.1-17.1. Century Farm Program.*

*The Commissioner shall establish a century farm program to honor farm families in Virginia whose property has been in the same family for one hundred years or more. In order to be eligible for recognition under the program, a farm shall (i) have been owned by the same family for at least one hundred consecutive years, (ii) be lived on, or actually farmed by, a descendent of the original owner, and (iii) gross over \$2,500 annually from the sale of farm products.*

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