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HOUSE BILL NO. 736 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

on February 8, 2000)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Suit)

234567 A BILL to allow volunteer property maintenance and zoning inspectors in certain cities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

8 1. § 1. Any city with a population greater than 390,000 may provide that the agency charged with the enforcement of local ordinances adopted pursuant to §§ 15.2-901, 15.2-903, 15.2-904, 15.2-905 and 9 15.2-908 or city charter relating to the external maintenance of property may utilize supervised 10 trained and qualified volunteers to issue notices of noncompliance with such ordinances. Such 11 volunteers shall have any and all immunity provided to an employee of the locality doing an identical 12 13 job.

14 § 2. Any city with a population greater than 390,000 may by ordinance provide that the agency 15 charged with the enforcement of local zoning ordinances establish and supervise trained and qualified 16 volunteers to inspect violations of, and issue notices of noncompliance with, such zoning ordinances. 17 For purposes of enforcement, such volunteers shall be considered a part of the local zoning department. 18 Such volunteers shall have any and all immunity provided to an employee of the city doing an identical 19 job.