

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2001 SESSION

CHAPTER 550

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-1129.1, relating to creation of arts and cultural district.

[H 2360]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 15.2-1129.1 as follows:

§ 15.2-1129.1. Creation of arts and cultural district.

A. The cities of Harrisonburg and Charlottesville may by ordinance establish within their boundaries an arts and cultural district for the purpose of increasing awareness and support for the arts and culture in the city. Each city may provide incentives for the support and creation of arts and cultural venues in the district. Each city may also grant tax incentives and provide certain regulatory flexibility in an arts and cultural district.

B. The tax incentives may be provided for up to ten years and may include, but not be limited to: (i) reduction of permit fees; (ii) reduction of user fees; and (iii) reduction of any type of gross receipts tax. The extent and duration of such incentive proposals shall conform to the requirements of the Constitutions of Virginia and of the United States.

C. Each city may also provide for regulatory flexibility in such zone which may include, but not be limited to: (i) special zoning for the district; (ii) permit process reform; (iii) exemption from ordinances; and (iv) any other incentive adopted by ordinance, which shall be binding upon the locality for a period of up to ten years.