

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 58.1-3851 of the Code of Virginia, relating to local tourism zones.*

3 [S 591]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 58.1-3851 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 58.1-3851. Creation of local tourism zones.

8 A. Any city, county, or town may establish, by ordinance, one or more tourism zones. Each locality  
9 may grant tax incentives and provide certain regulatory flexibility in a tourism zone.10 B. The tax incentives may be provided for up to ~~40~~ 20 years and may include, but not be limited to  
11 (i) reduction of permit fees, (ii) reduction of user fees, and (iii) reduction of any type of gross receipts  
12 tax. The extent and duration of such incentive proposals shall conform to the requirements of the  
13 Constitutions of Virginia and of the United States.14 C. The governing body may also provide for regulatory flexibility in such zone that may include, but  
15 not be limited to (i) special zoning for the district, (ii) permit process reform, (iii) exemption from  
16 ordinances, excluding ordinances or provisions of ordinances adopted pursuant to the requirements of the  
17 Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (§ 10.1-2100 et seq.), the Erosion and Sediment Control Law  
18 (§ 10.1-560 et seq.), or the Virginia Stormwater Management Act (§ 10.1-603.1 et seq.), and (iv) any  
19 other incentive adopted by ordinance, which shall be binding upon the locality for a period of up to 10  
20 years.21 D. The establishment of a tourism zone shall not preclude the area from also being designated as an  
22 enterprise zone.

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