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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 651**

Offered January 8, 2014

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 27-98.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Statewide Fire Prevention Code; inspection of buildings; exception.

Patron—Villanueva

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 1. That § 27-98.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 27-98.1. Inspections of buildings, structures, properties and premises.

A. In order to carry out the purposes of the Code and any regulations or standards adopted in pursuance thereof, the local fire official, upon presenting appropriate credentials to the owner, operator, or agent in charge, is authorized, with the consent of the owner, operator, or agent in charge to enter a building, structure, property or premises for the purpose of conducting an inspection, examination, testing, or collection of samples for testing, during regular working hours and at other reasonable times, and in a reasonable manner, to determine if the building, structures, systems, machines, apparatus, devices, equipment, and materials stored, used or handled, and all pertinent conditions therein, are in compliance with the requirements, regulations or standards set forth in the Code.

B. Neither the State Fire Marshal nor any local fire official shall inspect the premises of any tanning facility as defined in § 59.1-310.1 or other business establishment that does not have hazardous materials on such premises.