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**HOUSE BILL NO. 558**

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 15.2-965.2, relating to micro-businesses; local procurement.*

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Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

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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 15.2-965.2 as follows:****§ 15.2-965.2. Enhancement of micro-business participation in local procurement.**

A. Any locality may enact an ordinance to enhance micro-business participation in local government procurement practices. Such measures may include special designation of local micro-businesses, providing technical support to micro-businesses, setting target goals for micro-business participation in the local procurement process, and other reasonable measures intended to promote micro-business participation in the locality.

B. For purposes of this section, "micro-business" means a small, women-owned, or minority-owned business with no more than 25 employees.

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