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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 373**

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4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 35.1-14.01, relating to restaurants;*
5 *food allergy awareness notice required.*

6 Patron—Martinez

7 Committee Referral Pending

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**9 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 35.1-14.01 as follows:**10 **§ 35.1-14.01. Food allergy awareness notice required.**11 *A. The Commissioner shall make available on the Department's website, in English and in the top six*
12 *languages other than English spoken in the Commonwealth according to the latest available data from the*
13 *United States Census Bureau, a notice containing information for staff of restaurants regarding food*
14 *allergies as well as a translation of the following: "If you have a food allergy, please notify us." Such notice*
15 *shall include:*16

- 17 *1. The procedures to be followed if a customer informs the staff of a restaurant that such customer has a*
18 *food allergy;*
- 19 *2. Any procedures to be followed to prevent cross-contact; and*
- 20 *3. The procedures to be followed if a customer has an allergic reaction, including a recommendation*
21 *regarding the circumstances in which to call emergency medical services.*

22 *B. Every restaurant permitted pursuant to this chapter shall post a copy of the notice prepared pursuant*
23 *to subsection A in a conspicuous location accessible to all employees involved in the preparation or service*
24 *of food in at least one of the languages spoken by each employee to the extent such languages are among*
25 *those in which the Commissioner makes the notice available.*26 *C. Every restaurant permitted pursuant to this chapter operating in the Commonwealth that provides a*
27 *menu to its customers shall include in a conspicuous manner on each menu or on a sign posted conspicuously*
28 *in the restaurant the following: "If you have a food allergy, please notify us." If such menu is available in a*
29 *language other than English for which the Commissioner makes a translation available pursuant to*
30 *subsection A, such restaurant shall also include such translation in a conspicuous manner. Every restaurant*
31 *permitted pursuant to this chapter that provides a menu on its website or otherwise provides a menu on the*
32 *Internet shall also include on such menu a food allergy notification to customers and provide a method by*
33 *which a customer may indicate any food allergy.*

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