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H 728. STREAMLINE BUILDING CODE ADOPTION. Filed 3/14/07. *TO STREAMLINE BUILDING CODE ADOPTION FOR GENERAL AND RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION AND TO EXPEDITE DECISIONS OF THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL.*

Amends GS 143-136 to reduce the size of the Building Code Council from 17 to 10 members. Amends GS 143-138 to provide that this Building Code Council prepares the code for nonresidential and multifamily residential buildings. Enacts new Part 2 in Article 9, Chapter 143 of the General Statutes to create a 7-member Residential Building Code Council. Specifies membership and organization of the new Council. Directs this Council to prepare and adopt a State Residential Building Code applicable to one-family and two-family residential buildings. Specifies the content of the code, requires a building permit prior to construction of affected buildings, and specifies exemptions from the permit requirement. Requires the Council to adopt requirements of the International Building Code and provides that the code is uniform and mandatory for local codes, with specified exceptions for local fire prevention codes and floodplain management regulations. Specifies that violation of the Article is a Class 3 misdemeanor. Specifies enforcement provisions and options. Amends GS 143-141(a) to provide that the Building Code Council must issue decisions on appeals within 30 business days after completion of the hearing on the appeal. Effective October 1, 2008, and applicable to permits issued and offenses committed on or after that date. The Building Code Council is directed to adopt rules and revisions to the State Building Code implementing the act by October 1, 2008. The Department of Insurance is directed to adopt implementing rules and submit recommendations for statutory revisions regarding a separate building code and council for one and two-family residential structures to the General Assembly by March 1, 2008.

Intro. by Goforth.

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