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S 70. CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS/ MANUFACTURED HOUSING. Filed 2/4/09.

REGARDING CONSTRUCTION AND SAFETY STANDARDS OF MANUFACTURED HOMES.

Amends GS 143-143.16 to expand the warranty requirements for manufacturers, dealers, suppliers, and set-up contractors of manufactured homes. Requires the manufacturer to warrant that the flooring of the bathroom and kitchen areas of the home is manufactured or constructed with treated plywood.

Enacts GS 143-150.1 to add to the uniform standards code for manufactured homes the requirement that the flooring of the kitchen and bathroom areas of all manufactured homes manufactured or sold in this state be manufactured with treated plywood. These sections become effective only if the United States Congress amends federal law to allow the State to enact construction and safety standards for manufactured homes.

Includes the General Assembly's findings that the kitchen and bathroom flooring in manufactured homes is inadequate and resulted in several thousand dollars of damage to manufactured homes in 2006. The General Assembly commends the US Congress to amend the National Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 to either address the issue of inadequate flooring or to allow states to enact more stringent safety standards.

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