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HOUSE BILL DRH40101-MH-41A

Short Title: Promote North Carolina Sawmills. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hanig.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROMOTE LOCAL SAWMILLS BY ALLOWING THE USE OF UNGRADED
3 LUMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Definition. – For purposes of this act, "dimension lumber" means
6 lumber that has not been grade-stamped under the authority of a lumber grading bureau.

7 **SECTION 1.(b)** The North Carolina Building Code Council shall amend the North
8 Carolina Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings in order to permit dimension
9 lumber that has not been grade-stamped under the authority of a lumber grading bureau to be
10 used in the construction of one- and two-family dwellings, when that use meets all of the
11 following requirements:

- 12 (1) The lumber is sold directly by the owner or employee of the sawmill that
13 milled the lumber to the owner of the dwelling to be constructed or that
14 person's authorized representative.
- 15 (2) The dimension lumber meets or exceeds the requirements of the North
16 Carolina Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings other than the
17 requirements that only grade-stamped lumber be used in residential
18 construction.
- 19 (3) The appropriate code enforcement official reviews the framing of the dwelling
20 to ensure that it meets the requirements of the North Carolina Residential
21 Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings in all respects other than the
22 requirements that only grade-stamped lumber be used in residential
23 construction. The code enforcement official shall not be liable or subject to
24 disciplinary action for willful misconduct, gross negligence, or gross
25 incompetence under Article 9C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes for any
26 structural failure that occurs as a result of the use of dimension lumber rather
27 than grade-stamped lumber.

28 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Building Code Council may issue temporary rules to implement
29 the requirements of this act.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and expires when the
31 Building Code Council has issued permanent rules substantially similar to subsection 1(b) of this
32 act and notifies the Codifier of Statutes that it has done so.

