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HOUSE BILL DRH10031-NK-10

Short Title: Make North Carolina Home Act of 2023. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Moss.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO TRANSLATE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE INTO
SPANISH; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO ESTABLISH A
WEBSITE TO TRACK ALL LOCAL PLANNING, ZONING, AND LAND-USE
REGULATIONS; AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO
DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO PARTNER WITH COUNTIES ON RESIDENTIAL SITE
SELECTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143-138(g) reads as rewritten:

"(g) Publication and Distribution of Code. – ~~The Building Code Council shall cause to be printed, after adoption by the Council, the North Carolina State Building Code and each amendment thereto.~~ After the Building Code Council adopts the North Carolina State Building Code, the Council shall cause the Code and each amendment thereto to be printed in English and to be translated into Spanish. It shall, at the State's expense, distribute copies of the Code and each amendment to State and local governmental officials, departments, agencies, and educational institutions, as is set out in the table below. It shall also make the translated Spanish copies of the Code available for distribution on written request to the Council. (Those marked by an asterisk will receive copies only on written request to the Council.)

OFFICIAL OR AGENCY	NUMBER OF COPIES
State Departments and Officials	
Governor	1
Lieutenant Governor	1
Auditor	1
Treasurer	1
Secretary of State	1
Superintendent of Public Instruction.....	1
Attorney General (Library)	1
Commissioner of Agriculture.....	1
Commissioner of Labor.....	1
Commissioner of Insurance	1
Department of Environmental Quality.....	1
Department of Health and Human Service	1
Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety	1
Board of Transportation	1



1 Utilities Commission..... 1
 2 Department of Administration 1
 3 Clerk of the Supreme Court 1
 4 Clerk of the Court of Appeals 1
 5 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources [State
 6 Library] 1
 7 Supreme Court Library 1
 8 Legislative Library 1
 9 Office of Administrative Hearings..... 1
 10 Rules Review Commission 1

11 Schools
 12 All state-supported colleges and universities
 13 in the State of North Carolina *1 each

14 Local Officials
 15 Clerks of the Superior Courts..... 1 each
 16 Chief Building Inspector of each incorporated
 17 municipality or county 1

18 In addition, the Building Code Council shall make additional copies available at such price
 19 as it shall deem reasonable to members of the general public. The proceeds from sales of the
 20 Building Code shall be credited to the Insurance Regulatory Fund under G.S. 58-6-25."

21 **SECTION 2.** The Building Code Council shall submit a report on its progress
 22 regarding the translation and publication of the North Carolina State Building Code in the
 23 Spanish language to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by April
 24 1, 2024.

25 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce shall establish and maintain a public
 26 website to track all local planning, zoning, and land-use regulations pursuant to G.S. 160D for
 27 the following purposes:

- 28 (1) Create transparency for the public in the various land-use and building
 29 permitting processes across localities.
- 30 (2) Allow prospective developers to understand, compare, and contrast the
 31 various markets and building requirements in different areas.
- 32 (3) Provide a central location of information to assist local planning departments
 33 and board members in obtaining details on policies.

34 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Commerce shall develop and establish a program
 35 to partner with counties on residential site selection in the State, establishing measurable goals
 36 to fulfill housing needs in growing areas of the State by the year 2033. The website should contain
 37 a repository of sites and locations to allow interested parties to make an informed site location
 38 decision. The website would allow developers looking to build residential spaces in the State to
 39 determine a suitable market and the prospective profitability of a given site.

40 **SECTION 5.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective January 1, 2025. Section 3 of
 41 this act becomes effective July 1, 2023. Section 4 of this act becomes effective August 1, 2023.
 42 The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.