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 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA
 

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SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, APRIL 11, 2011

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), entitled  
 2 "An act establishing a uniform construction code; imposing  
 3 powers and duties on municipalities and the Department of  
 4 Labor and Industry; providing for enforcement; imposing  
 5 penalties; and making repeals," further providing for UNIFORM ←  
 6 CONSTRUCTION CODE REVIEW AND ADVISORY COUNCIL, FOR REVISED OR  
 7 SUCCESSOR CODES AND FOR exemptions.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 ~~Section 1. Section 901(a) of the act of November 10, 1999 ←~~  
 11 ~~(P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code~~  
 12 ~~Act, amended July 7, 2006 (P.L.1052, No.108), is amended and the~~  
 13 ~~section is amended by adding subsections to read:~~

14 SECTION 1. SECTION 107(B) (3), (C) (2), (H) AND (J) OF THE ACT ←

1 OF NOVEMBER 10, 1999 (P.L.491, NO.45), KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA  
2 CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT, ADDED OCTOBER 9, 2008 (P.L.1386, NO.106),  
3 ARE AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO  
4 READ:

5 SECTION 107. UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE REVIEW AND ADVISORY  
6 COUNCIL.

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8 (B) DUTIES.--THE COUNCIL SHALL DO THE FOLLOWING:

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10 (3) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 11  
11 AND APPENDIX E OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF [2006]  
12 2009, OR ITS SUCCESSOR CODES, OR ANY OTHER ACCESSIBILITY  
13 REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN OR REFERENCED BY THE UNIFORM  
14 CONSTRUCTION CODE RELATING TO PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL  
15 DISABILITIES, REVIEW [NEW AND AMENDED PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN  
16 TRIENNIAL REVISIONS OF THE CODES ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL  
17 CODE COUNCIL TO ANY OF ITS CODES. THE COUNCIL SHALL INFORM  
18 THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY CODE PROVISIONS THAT SHOULD BE EXCLUDED  
19 FROM THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BY MAY 1 OF THE YEAR OF  
20 ISSUANCE OF THE LATEST TRIENNIAL CODE ISSUED BY THE  
21 INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL.] THE LATEST TRIENNIAL CODE  
22 REVISIONS ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL, BEGINNING  
23 WITH THE 2012 CODES, AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B.1).

24 (B.1) CODE REVIEW PROCESS.--

25 (1) BEGINNING WITH THE 2012 ICC CODES, THE COUNCIL SHALL  
26 REVIEW THE LATEST TRIENNIAL CODE REVISIONS UPON OFFICIAL  
27 PUBLICATION OF THE CODES.

28 (2) DURING THE REVIEW PROCESS, THE COUNCIL SHALL HOLD AT  
29 LEAST THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS. ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS SHALL  
30 BE HELD IN HARRISBURG, ONE SHALL BE HELD IN THE EASTERN

1 REGION OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AND ONE SHALL BE HELD IN THE  
2 WESTERN REGION OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.

3 (3) THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SECRETARY  
4 WITHIN THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD FOLLOWING OFFICIAL PUBLICATION  
5 OF THE LATEST TRIENNIAL CODE REVISIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)  
6 WITH PROVISIONS OF THE CODES THAT ARE SPECIFIED FOR ADOPTION.  
7 THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODES THAT ARE SPECIFIED FOR ADOPTION  
8 SHALL BE SEPARATELY DESIGNATED IN THE REPORT.

9 (4) THE COUNCIL SHALL EXAMINE TRIENNIAL CODE REVISIONS  
10 APPLYING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

11 (I) THE IMPACT THAT THE PROVISION MAY HAVE UPON THE  
12 HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC.

13 (II) THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE  
14 PROVISION.

15 (III) THE TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF THE PROVISION.

16 (5) ONLY TRIENNIAL CODE REVISIONS THAT ARE ADOPTED BY A  
17 TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE INCLUDED IN  
18 THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3).

19 (C) COMPOSITION.--THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING  
20 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

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22 (2) A GENERAL CONTRACTOR FROM AN ASSOCIATION  
23 REPRESENTING THE NONRESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHO HAS  
24 RECOGNIZED ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
25 NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

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27 (H) QUORUM [AND CONSENSUS].--TEN MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A  
28 QUORUM[, AND A CONSENSUS AMONG AT LEAST TEN MEMBERS MUST BE  
29 REACHED BEFORE ANY DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE BY THE COUNCIL].

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1 (J) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.--THE [SECRETARY] DEPARTMENT  
2 SHALL PROVIDE A FACILITY FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS UNDER THIS ACT,  
3 STENOGRAPHIC SERVICES AND REQUIRED NOTICE OF THE COUNCIL'S  
4 MEETINGS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT IN DRAFTING  
5 ANY REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT.

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7 SECTION 2. SECTION 304 OF THE ACT, AMENDED OCTOBER 9, 2008  
8 (P.L.1386, NO.106), IS AMENDED TO READ:

9 SECTION 304. REVISED OR SUCCESSOR CODES.

10 [(A) BUILDING CODE.--

11 (1) SUBJECT TO SECTIONS 105(C) AND (D), 301(A)(3), (4),  
12 (5), (6) AND (7), (C) AND (D) AND 302, BY DECEMBER 31 OF THE  
13 YEAR OF THE ISSUANCE OF A NEW TRIENNIAL ICC INTERNATIONAL  
14 BUILDING CODE, OR ITS SUCCESSOR BUILDING CODE, THE DEPARTMENT  
15 SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ADOPTING THE NEW CODE AS THE  
16 UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE UNLESS THE COUNCIL INFORMS THE  
17 DEPARTMENT THAT IT SHOULD EXCLUDE ANY PROVISIONS OF THE  
18 TRIENNIAL CODE FROM THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE. IF THE  
19 COUNCIL PROVIDES THIS NOTIFICATION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
20 SUBMIT REGULATIONS ADOPTING THE TRIENNIAL CODE WITH  
21 PROVISIONS OMITTED BY THE COUNCIL UNDER THIS SECTION WITHIN  
22 90 DAYS FOLLOWING COUNCIL NOTIFICATION.

23 (2) SUBJECT TO SECTIONS 105(C) AND (D), 301(A)(3), (4),  
24 (5), (6) AND (7), (C) AND (D) AND 302, BY DECEMBER 31 OF THE  
25 YEAR OF ISSUANCE OF A NEW TRIENNIAL ICC INTERNATIONAL  
26 RESIDENTIAL CODE, OR ITS SUCCESSOR BUILDING CODE, THE  
27 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS PROVIDING THAT ALL  
28 DETACHED ONE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND ONE-FAMILY  
29 TOWNHOUSES THAT ARE NOT MORE THAN THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT AND  
30 THEIR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES MAY BE DESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH

1 THAT CODE OR THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE AT THE OPTION OF  
2 THE BUILDING PERMIT APPLICANT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
3 PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ADOPTING THE NEW CODE AS THE UNIFORM  
4 CONSTRUCTION CODE UNLESS THE COUNCIL INFORMS THE DEPARTMENT  
5 THAT IT SHOULD EXCLUDE ANY PROVISIONS OF THE TRIENNIAL CODE  
6 FROM THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE. IF THE COUNCIL PROVIDES  
7 THIS NOTIFICATION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT REGULATIONS  
8 ADOPTING THE TRIENNIAL CODE WITH PROVISIONS OMITTED BY THE  
9 COUNCIL UNDER THIS SECTION WITHIN 90 DAYS FOLLOWING COUNCIL  
10 NOTIFICATION.]

11 (A) DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT.--

12 (1) SUBJECT TO SECTIONS 105(C) AND (D), 301(A)(3), (4),  
13 (5), (6) AND (7), (C) AND (D) AND 302, WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF  
14 THE RECEIPT OF THE REPORT UNDER SECTION 107(B.1), THE  
15 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE FINAL-OMITTED REGULATIONS UNDER  
16 THE ACT OF JUNE 25, 1982 (P.L.633, NO.181), KNOWN AS THE  
17 REGULATORY REVIEW ACT, TO ADOPT THE TRIENNIAL CODE REVISIONS  
18 MADE IN THE REPORT WITHOUT CHANGE.

19 (2) REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ARE  
20 EXEMPT FROM:

21 (I) SECTION 205 OF THE ACT OF JULY 31, 1968  
22 (P.L.769, NO.240), REFERRED TO AS THE COMMONWEALTH  
23 DOCUMENTS LAW; AND

24 (II) SECTIONS 204(B) AND 301(10) OF THE ACT OF  
25 OCTOBER 15, 1980 (P.L.950, NO.164), KNOWN AS THE  
26 COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEYS ACT.

27 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2), THE  
28 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS UPDATING  
29 ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS UNDER CHAPTER 3 BY ADOPTING CHAPTER  
30 11 AND APPENDIX E OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF 2012,

1 OR ITS SUCCESSOR, BY DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR OF ISSUANCE OF  
2 THE NEW CODE.

3 (A.1) CONTINUITY.--IF A TRIENNIAL REVISION IS NOT ADOPTED  
4 UNDER SECTION 107(B.1)(5), THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE PRIOR  
5 VERSION OF THE CODES SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT.

6 [(B) INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE.--BY DECEMBER 31 OF THE  
7 YEAR OF THE ISSUANCE OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, OR  
8 ITS SUCCESSOR CODE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS  
9 ADOPTING THE NEW CODE.]

10 (C) PRIOR PERMITS AND CONSTRUCTION.--

11 (1) A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT ISSUED UNDER VALID  
12 CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
13 REGULATIONS FOR A SUBSEQUENT UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE OR  
14 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL  
15 REMAIN VALID, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY BUILDING OR  
16 STRUCTURE MAY BE COMPLETED PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
17 THE PERMIT.

18 (2) IF THE PERMIT HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVELY PROSECUTED  
19 WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE REGULATION OR  
20 THE PERIOD SPECIFIED BY A MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE, WHICHEVER IS  
21 LESS, THE FORMER PERMITHOLDER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ACQUIRE A  
22 NEW PERMIT.

23 (3) WHERE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE  
24 COMMENCED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE REGULATIONS FOR A  
25 SUBSEQUENT UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE OR INTERNATIONAL FUEL  
26 GAS CODE ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT AND A PERMIT WAS NOT REQUIRED  
27 AT THAT TIME, CONSTRUCTION MAY BE COMPLETED WITHOUT A PERMIT.

28 [(D) CODE REVISIONS.--

29 (1) THE COUNCIL MAY DETERMINE THAT ANY NEW OR AMENDED  
30 PROVISION CONTAINED IN A TRIENNIAL REVISION BY THE ICC TO ANY

1 OF THE CODES WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY REGULATION OF THE  
2 DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE IS NOT,  
3 IN THE OPINION OF THE COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT AND  
4 PURPOSE OF THIS ACT OR IS OTHERWISE INAPPROPRIATE FOR  
5 INCLUSION IN THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE. IN MAKING A  
6 DETERMINATION ON THE NEW OR AMENDED TRIENNIAL REVISIONS, THE  
7 COUNCIL MAY CONSIDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 102, AS WELL  
8 AS OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

9 (I) THE IMPACT THAT THE PROVISIONS MAY HAVE UPON THE  
10 HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC.

11 (II) THE ECONOMIC REASONABLENESS AND FINANCIAL  
12 IMPACT OF THE PROVISIONS.

13 (III) THE TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF THE PROVISIONS.

14 (2) WHEN ADOPTING THE LATEST TRIENNIAL VERSIONS OF THE  
15 ICC CODES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EXCLUDE A SPECIFIC NEW OR  
16 AMENDED CODE PROVISION REJECTED BY THE COUNCIL UNDER  
17 PARAGRAPH (1) AND SHALL PROVIDE THAT THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS  
18 OF THE PRIOR VERSIONS OF THE CODE SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT.]

19 SECTION 3. SECTION 901(A) OF THE ACT, AMENDED JULY 7, 2006  
20 (P.L.1052, NO.108), IS AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY  
21 ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO READ:

22 Section 901. Exemptions.

23 (a) Manufactured housing.--This act shall not apply to  
24 manufactured housing which bears a label, as required by and  
25 referred to in the act of November 17, 1982 (P.L.676, No.192),  
26 known as the Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety  
27 Standards Authorization Act, which certifies that it conforms to  
28 Federal construction and safety standards adopted under the  
29 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law  
30 93-383, 88 Stat. 633), nor shall it apply to industrialized

1 housing, as defined in the act of May 11, 1972 (P.L.286, No.70),  
2 known as the Industrialized Housing Act, with the exception that  
3 any model code enacted pursuant to the Industrialized Housing  
4 Act shall not include code provisions specifically omitted from  
5 adoption pursuant to this act.

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7 (f) Log walls.--Log walls with a minimum average wall  
8 thickness of five inches or greater which comply with the  
9 International Code Council Standard on the Design and  
10 Construction of Log Structures, ICC 400-2007, or other successor  
11 standard which the department may specify by regulation, shall  
12 be permitted in residential buildings if:

13 (1) the area weighted average U-factor for fenestration  
14 products in the log walls is a maximum of 0.31; and

15 (2) (i) the building heating equipment meets or exceeds  
16 the following Department of Energy ratings:

17 (A) Gas furnace - 90 annual fuel utilization  
18 efficiency (AFUE).

19 (B) Oil furnace - 85 annual fuel utilization  
20 efficiency (AFUE).

21 (C) Boilers - 85 annual fuel utilization  
22 efficiency (AFUE).

23 (D) Air source heat pumps - 8.2 heating seasonal  
24 performance factor (HSPF) split systems.

25 (E) For water-to-air geothermal heat pumps:

26 (I) Closed loop water-to-air, an energy  
27 efficiency rating of 14.1 and coefficient of  
28 performance of 3.3.

29 (II) Open loop water-to-air, an energy  
30 efficiency rating of 16.2 and coefficient of



1 performance of 3.6.

2 (F) For water-to-water geothermal heat pumps:

3 (I) Closed loop water-to-water, an energy

4 efficiency rating of 15.1 and coefficient of

5 performance of 3.0.

6 (II) Open loop water-to-water, an energy

7 efficiency rating of 19.1 and coefficient of

8 performance of 3.4.

9 (G) For direct geothermal exchange, an energy

10 efficiency rating of 15.0 and coefficient of

11 performance of 3.5;

12 or

13 (ii) the building heating equipment is qualified

14 under the Energy Star program jointly operated by the

15 Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection

16 Agency as provided for in 10 CFR Pt. 430 (relating to

17 energy conservation program for consumer products); and

18 (iii) all energy efficiency requirements of this act

19 applicable to components other than log walls are met.

20 ~~An applicant for a building permit that was submitted prior to~~ ←

21 ~~the effective date of this subsection may opt to utilize the~~

22 ~~standards of this subsection.~~

23 (g) Automatic fire sprinkler systems in one-family and two-

24 family dwellings.--

25 (1) Section R313.2 (relating to automatic fire sprinkler

26 systems in one- and two-family dwellings) of the

27 International Residential Code (2009 edition), and any

28 successor triennial revisions, is excluded from this act and

29 shall not be part of Chapter 3.

30 (2) A builder of a one-family or two-family dwelling

1 subject to the International Residential Code shall, at or  
2 before the time of entering into the purchase contract, do  
3 all of the following:

4 (i) Offer to a buyer the option to install or equip,  
5 at the buyer's expense, an automatic fire sprinkler  
6 system in the building or dwelling unit designed and  
7 installed in accordance with the provisions of section  
8 R313.2.1 (relating to design and installation of  
9 automatic fire sprinkler systems) of the International  
10 Residential Code (2009 edition).

11 (ii) Provide the buyer with information which  
12 explains the initial and ongoing cost of installing and  
13 equipping an automatic fire sprinkler system in the  
14 building or dwelling unit.

15 (iii) Provide the buyer with information, as made  
16 available by the State Fire Commissioner on the agency's  
17 Internet website, on the possible benefits of installing  
18 an automatic sprinkler system.

19 ~~(3) If an application is submitted for a building permit~~ ←  
20 ~~for a one family or two family dwelling on or after January~~  
21 ~~1, 2011, and prior to the effective date of this subsection,~~  
22 ~~the applicant may opt to not install an automatic fire~~  
23 ~~sprinkler system in the dwelling.~~

24 ~~(h) Fire protection of floors. Section R501.3 of the 2012~~  
25 ~~International Residential Code shall be part of the Uniform~~  
26 ~~Construction Code. This subsection shall apply to construction~~  
27 ~~under which the permit applicant opts to not apply the automatic~~  
28 ~~sprinkler requirement under subsection (g)(3).~~

29 (H) FIRE PROTECTION OF FLOORS.-- ←

30 (1) EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (2), A FLOOR

1 ASSEMBLY NOT REQUIRED IN THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE,  
2 OR ITS SUCCESSOR BUILDING CODE, TO BE FIRE-RESISTANCE RATED  
3 SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A 1/2-INCH GYPSUM WALLBOARD MEMBRANE,  
4 5/8-INCH WOOD STRUCTURAL PANEL MEMBRANE, OR EQUIVALENT, ON  
5 THE UNDERSIDE OF THE FLOOR FRAMING MEMBER.

6 (2) PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY OF THE  
7 FOLLOWING:

8 (I) A FLOOR ASSEMBLY LOCATED DIRECTLY OVER A SPACE  
9 PROTECTED BY AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE  
10 WITH SECTION P2904, NFPA13D OR OTHER EQUIVALENT SPRINKLER  
11 SYSTEM APPROVED BY A MUNICIPAL CODE OFFICIAL.

12 (II) A FLOOR ASSEMBLY LOCATED DIRECTLY OVER A CRAWL  
13 SPACE NOT INTENDED FOR STORAGE OR FUEL-FIRED APPLIANCES.

14 (III) A PORTION OF A FLOOR ASSEMBLY WHICH COMPLIES  
15 WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

16 (A) THE AGGREGATE AREA OF THE UNPROTECTED  
17 PORTIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED 80 SQUARE FEET PER STORY.

18 (B) FIRE BLOCKING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
19 R302.11.1 SHALL BE INSTALLED ALONG THE PERIMETER OF  
20 THE UNPROTECTED PORTION TO SEPARATE THE UNPROTECTED  
21 PORTION FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE FLOOR ASSEMBLY.

22 (IV) A WOOD FLOOR ASSEMBLY USING DIMENSION LUMBER OR  
23 STRUCTURAL COMPOSITE LUMBER EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN TWO-  
24 INCH BY TEN-INCH NOMINAL DIMENSION OR A FLOOR ASSEMBLY  
25 APPROVED BY A MUNICIPAL CODE OFFICIAL DEMONSTRATING  
26 EQUIVALENT FIRE PERFORMANCE.


27 (I) WALL BRACING REQUIREMENTS.--SECTION R602.10 THROUGH  
28 SECTION R602.12.1.6 OF THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE,  
29 OR ITS SUCCESSOR PROVISIONS, ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE UNIFORM  
30 CONSTRUCTION CODE. THE WALL BRACING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS

1 R602.10 THROUGH R602.11.3 OF THE 2006 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL  
2 CODE SHALL BE PART OF THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE.

3 SECTION 4. RETROACTIVITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

4 (1) THE ADDITION OF SECTION 901(F) OF THE ACT SHALL  
5 APPLY RETROACTIVELY TO JANUARY 1, 2010.

6 (2) THE ADDITION OF SECTION 901(G) OF THE ACT SHALL  
7 APPLY RETROACTIVELY TO JANUARY 1, 2011.

8 Section ~~2~~ 5. This act shall take effect AS FOLLOWS: 

9 (1) THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 107(C)(2) OF THE ACT SHALL  
10 TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2012.

11 (2) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT  
12 immediately.