

# HOUSE BILL No. 1392

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 22-11-21.

**Synopsis:** Placards on structures for emergency response. Provides that a Class 1 or Class 2 structure that receives a building permit after June 30, 2016, and contains engineered lumber roof trusses or floor joists, or both, must have a placard concerning the trusses or joists affixed to the structure. Requires 911 telephone call centers to maintain information concerning properties with engineered lumber roof trusses or floor joists, or both, to be used for purposes of dispatching units of public safety to the property.

**Effective:** July 1, 2016.

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January 13, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

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Second Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2016)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 22-11-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2016]:  
4 **Chapter 21. Use of Engineered Roof Trusses and Floor Joists**  
5 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies only to the new construction of a:**  
6 (1) **Class 1 structure; and**  
7 (2) **Class 2 structure.**  
8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "ASTM" refers to the American**  
9 **Society for Testing and Materials.**  
10 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "Class 1 structure" has the**  
11 **meaning set forth in IC 22-12-1-4.**  
12 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "Class 2 structure" has the**  
13 **meaning set forth in IC 22-12-1-5.**  
14 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "engineered lumber roof trusses**  
15 **or floor joists, or both" refers to structural assemblies that:**  
16 (1) **are fabricated from:**  
17 (A) **wood;**



- 1                   **(B) light gauge metal;**  
 2                   **(C) other component materials; or**  
 3                   **(D) any combination of materials described in clauses (A)**  
 4                   **through (C);**  
 5                   **(2) have less mass cross sectional area than sawn lumber**  
 6                   **members that would be used in an equivalent application;**  
 7                   **(3) are assembled from combustible or noncombustible**  
 8                   **materials, or both; and**  
 9                   **(4) support a roof or a floor, or both, but are not vertical**  
 10                   **members.**
- 11                   **The term does not include a structural assembly that provides a**  
 12                   **minimum of one (1) hour of fire resistance when tested in**  
 13                   **accordance with ASTM Standard E119.**
- 14                   **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "fire department" has the**  
 15                   **meaning set forth in IC 22-12-1-12.**
- 16                   **Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "owner" means a person having**  
 17                   **control or custody of any structure to which this chapter applies.**
- 18                   **Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "structure" means a Class 1 or**  
 19                   **Class 2 structure.**
- 20                   **Sec. 9. (a) A structure that receives a building permit after June**  
 21                   **30, 2016, and contains engineered lumber roof trusses or floor**  
 22                   **joists, or both, must have a placard that meets the requirements of**  
 23                   **this chapter affixed to the structure.**
- 24                   **(b) The placard shall use coding and letters that identify both of**  
 25                   **the following:**
- 26                   **(1) The types of engineered lumber roof trusses or floor joists,**  
 27                   **or both, used in the structure, including truss or engineered**  
 28                   **lumber.**
- 29                   **(2) The location of engineered lumber roof trusses or floor**  
 30                   **joists, or both, used in the structure, including floor joists or**  
 31                   **truss roof systems.**
- 32                   **(c) The placard shall be designed by the state fire marshal.**
- 33                   **Sec. 10. The placard must be permanently affixed:**
- 34                   **(1) below the structure's electrical meter, if the structure has**  
 35                   **electrical service; or**
- 36                   **(2) on the left side of the front entrance four (4) to six (6) feet**  
 37                   **above the ground, if the structure does not have electrical**  
 38                   **service.**
- 39                   **Sec. 11. (a) An applicant for a building permit must indicate on**  
 40                   **the application:**
- 41                   **(1) the types of engineered lumber roof trusses or floor joists,**  
 42                   **or both, used in the structure; and**



1           (2) the location of the engineered lumber roof trusses or floor  
2           joists, or both, used in the structure.

3           (b) The application form for a building permit must include a  
4           place on the form for providing the information required under  
5           subsection (a).

6           Sec. 12. The local building commissioner shall supply the  
7           placard to an applicant for a building permit. The local building  
8           commissioner may charge a fee for the placard, which may not  
9           exceed three dollars (\$3).

10          Sec. 13. A building commissioner shall not:

11           (1) approve a structure on final inspection; or

12           (2) issue a certificate of occupancy for a structure;

13          unless a placard that meets the requirements of this chapter is  
14          affixed to the structure.

15          Sec. 14. (a) Not later than ten (10) business days after issuing a  
16          building permit, the building commissioner shall send written  
17          notification to the local fire department and the 911 telephone call  
18          center that have jurisdiction in the area where the structure is  
19          located. The notification shall be sent by certified mail, return  
20          receipt requested.

21          (b) The notification must include the following information:

22           (1) The street address of the property.

23           (2) The name of the township and the county in which the  
24           structure is located.

25           (3) The types of engineered lumber roof trusses or floor joists,  
26           or both, used in the structure.

27           (4) The location of the engineered lumber roof trusses or floor  
28           joists, or both, used in the structure.

29          Sec. 15. Upon receiving a copy of the notification under section  
30          14 of this chapter, the chief of the fire department that has  
31          jurisdiction in the area where the structure is located shall:

32           (1) post the information in a conspicuous place for all  
33           emergency personnel;

34           (2) provide the information to any fire department providing  
35           mutual aid; and

36           (3) for Class 1 structures only, add the structure to the  
37           inspection file for follow up for inspection on a timely basis.

38          Sec. 16. Upon receiving a notification under section 14 of this  
39          chapter, the 911 telephone call center shall maintain the  
40          information on each property, listing the address of the property,  
41          that uses engineered lumber roof trusses or floor joists, or both.  
42          When dispatching to the listed address, the dispatcher shall notify



1 the responding units of public safety of the information.

2 Sec. 17. An owner of a structure required to have a placard  
3 affixed under section 9 of this chapter shall ensure that the placard  
4 remains affixed during the life of the structure.

5 Sec. 18. If:

6 (1) the building commissioner provides written notice to an  
7 owner that the owner has failed to install or maintain a  
8 placard on the structure in violation of this chapter; and

9 (2) the owner fails to correct the violation not later than ten  
10 (10) business days after receiving the written notice;

11 the owner commits a Class C infraction. Each day that the  
12 violation continues to occur is a separate offense. However, a  
13 penalty imposed against an owner under this section may not  
14 exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per structure per year.

