
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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TOOHIL, MARCH 10, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MARCH 10, 2014

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
6 application.

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

9 Section 1. Section 104(b) of the act of November 10, 1999
10 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code
11 Act, amended or added July 15, 2004 (P.L.748, No.92), July 7,
12 2006 (P.L.1052, No.108) and July 17, 2007 (P.L.132, No.39), is
13 amended to read:

14 Section 104. Application.

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16 (b) Exclusions.--This act shall not apply to:

17 (1) new buildings or renovations to existing buildings
18 for which an application for a building permit has been made

1 to the municipality prior to the effective date of the
2 regulations promulgated under this act;

3 (2) new buildings or renovations to existing buildings
4 on which a contract for design or construction has been
5 signed prior to the effective date of the regulations
6 promulgated under this act on projects requiring department
7 approval;

8 (3) utility and miscellaneous use structures that are
9 accessory to detached one-family dwellings;

10 (4) any agricultural building;

11 (5) alterations to residential buildings which do not
12 make structural changes or changes to means of egress, except
13 as might be required by ordinances in effect pursuant to
14 section 303(b)(1) or adopted pursuant to section 503. For
15 purposes of this paragraph, a structural change does not
16 include a minor framing change needed to replace existing
17 windows or doors;

18 (6) repairs to residential buildings, except as might be
19 required by ordinances in effect pursuant to section 303(b)
20 (1) or adopted pursuant to section 503;

21 (6.1) the installation of aluminum siding or vinyl
22 siding onto an existing residential or an existing commercial
23 building, except as might be required by ordinances in effect
24 pursuant to section 301 or adopted pursuant to section 503;

25 (7) any recreational cabin if:

26 (i) the cabin is equipped with at least one smoke
27 detector, one fire extinguisher and one carbon monoxide
28 detector in both the kitchen and sleeping quarters;

29 (ii) the owner of the cabin files with the
30 municipality either:

1 (A) an affidavit on a form prescribed by the
2 department attesting to the fact that the cabin meets
3 the definition of a "recreational cabin" in section
4 103; or

5 (B) a valid proof of insurance for the
6 recreational cabin, written and issued by an insurer
7 authorized to do business in this Commonwealth,
8 stating that the structure meets the definition of a
9 "recreational cabin" as defined in section 103; [and]

10 (8) temporary structures which are:

11 (i) [Erected] erected for the purpose of
12 participation in a fair, flea market, arts and crafts
13 festival or other public celebration[.];

14 (ii) [Less] less than 1,600 square feet in size[.];

15 (iii) [Erected] erected for a period of less than 30
16 days[.];

17 (iv) [Not] not a swimming pool, spa or hot tub[.];

18 (v) [Subject] subject to section 503(a)(2)[.];

19 (9) decks that are:

20 (i) no more than 30 inches above grade at any point;

21 and

22 (ii) attached or accessory to a residential
23 building;

24 (10) accessory structures that are:

25 (i) attached to a residential building that cover an
26 entranceway; and

27 (ii) no more than one story high and not more than
28 200 square feet; and

29 (11) patio covers as defined in Appendix H of the 2009

30 International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family

1 Dwellings or its successor requirement.

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3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.