



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

**HOUSE BILL NO. 377**

**PRINTERS NO. 884**

**PRIME SPONSOR: Everett**

**FUND:** General/ Local

### **COST / (SAVINGS)**

<b>FY 2010/11</b>	<b>FY 2011/12</b>
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**SUMMARY:** Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act (Act 45 of 1999) known as the Uniform Construction Code (UCC). This legislation would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** Amends the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code by doing the following:

1. Amends Section 901 (“Exemptions”) of the act to state that any model code to industrialized housing pursuant to the Industrialized Housing Act of 1972 shall not include provisions omitted from that same code’s adoption as part of the UCC.
2. Amends Section 901 adding energy efficiency standards for log homes allowing for log walls to be utilized in residential buildings if the homes meet the energy efficiency standards defined in the bill. A buyer who was issued a building permit prior to the effective date of this subsection may opt to utilize the standards of this subsection.
3. Amends Section 901 eliminating the requirement of automatic sprinklers in single and multi family homes. In lieu of this requirement, builders will have to provide buyers the option of installing the sprinkler system and detail the potential costs of installing and maintaining the system. A builder will also have to provide a buyer with information provided by the State Fire Commissioner on the possible benefits of installing an automatic sprinkler system. The repeal of this subsection would be retroactive for any permits obtained in 2011 prior to enactment of this legislation.
4. Amends Section 901 by adding Section 501.3 of the 2012 International Residential Code which establishes the use of fire proof materials to protect the underside of floors.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on local funds.

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**DATE:** March 3, 2011

*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*