

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO.

Senate Bill 1077

PRINTER'S NO.

1681

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General

DATE INTRODUCED

September 2, 2009

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Baker

HISTORY OF BILLReferred to LABOR AND INDUSTRY, Sept. 2, 2009Reported as amended, Dec. 15, 2009

First consideration, Dec. 15, 2009

Amended on second consideration, Feb. 1, 2010Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, Feb. 2, 2010Re-reported as amended, Feb. 8, 2010**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 1077 amends the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code to add provisions related to manufactured housing and log walls of residential structures. Language was added to provide consistency with the Industrialized Housing Act, which governs manufactured housing in addition to the Uniform Construction Code. The bill also provides criteria by which the thickness of log walls in residential structures with a minimum of five inches or more and which comply with the International Code Council standard on design and construction, are permitted. The criteria include specific u-factors needed for compliance as well as heating equipment standards, and compliance with all other provisions not applicable to the log walls. The allowance of such wall thicknesses in residential structures meeting the criteria, is sunset on June 30, 2011.

The bill also requires the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to undertake a review of the Uniform Construction Code and report to the labor and local government standing committees of the House and the Senate by November 30, 2010.

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The Act takes effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The provisions related to manufactured housing and log walls in residential structures will have no fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee has estimated a cost of about \$60,000 to do the review and report on the Uniform Construction Code but has stated that they can cover such costs with existing staff and fiscal resources.