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ACT 51 OF 2015 (House Bill 904, Printer's Number 1124)

Amending the First Class Township Code –
Providing for property maintenance codes

PROPOSAL/SUMMARY: The bill would amend the First Class Township Code, Act 331 of 1931, to further provide for property maintenance codes, reserved powers and the Uniform Construction Code.

The bill would achieve four specific goals:

- Consolidate existing powers to enact and administer construction, occupancy and property maintenance regulations from specific sections into a new Article XXXI-A (Uniform Construction Code, Property Maintenance Code and Reserved Powers).

- Specify that first class townships are subject to the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, Act 45 of 1999, and all municipal regulation governing the construction, alteration, repair and occupancy of property in the township shall conform to the act.

- Establish consolidated provisions related to the enactment and enforcement of property maintenance codes.

- Expressly reserve the power of townships to enact and enforce building codes and property maintenance codes in the event Act 45 no longer supersedes individual municipal codes.

This bill will bring the First Class Township Code into conformity with similar changes made to the Borough Code and the Third Class City Code and proposed for the Second Class Township Code.

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