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ACT 69 OF 2015 (Senate Bill 793, Printer's Number 1031)

**Amending the Second Class Township Code –
Providing for property maintenance codes**

PROPOSAL/SUMMARY: The bill would amend the Second Class Township Code, Act 69 of 1933, as reenacted and amended by Act 60 of 1995, 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 XVII-A (Uniform Construction Code, Property Maintenance Code and Reserved Powers).
- Specify that second 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 was introduced at the request of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) as a resolution adopted at the 2013 PSATS Annual Conference. Similar changes have been made to the Borough Code and the Third Class City Code and are being proposed for the First Class Township Code.

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