

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1235 Session of
2001

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MARCH 29, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, MARCH 29, 2001

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 exemptions.

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

9 Section 1. Section 901 of the act of November 10, 1999
10 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code
11 Act, is amended to read:

12 Section 901. Exemptions.

13 (a) Manufactured housing.--This act shall not apply to
14 manufactured housing which bears a label, as required by and
15 referred to in the act of November 17, 1982 (P.L.676, No.192),
16 known as the Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety
17 Standards Authorization Act, which certifies that it conforms to
18 Federal construction and safety standards adopted under the

1 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-
2 383, 88 Stat. 633), nor shall it apply to industrialized
3 housing, as defined in the act of May 11, 1972 (P.L.286, No.70),
4 known as the Industrialized Housing Act.

5 (b) Religious beliefs.--

6 (1) An applicant for a construction permit for a
7 dwelling unit, school, church or place of assembly by a
8 recognized religious sect may file an application with the
9 code administrator to be exempted from any provision of the
10 Uniform Construction Code which conflicts with his religious
11 beliefs. The application shall state the manner in which the
12 provision of the Uniform Construction Code conflicts with his
13 religious beliefs and shall include an affidavit by the
14 applicant stating that he is a member of a recognized
15 religious sect or division thereof and that he adheres to the
16 established tenets or teachings of the sects or divisions.

17 (2) The code administrator shall grant the application
18 for exemption if the applicant is a member of a recognized
19 religious sect or division thereof, which has established
20 tenets or teachings conflicting with the provisions of this
21 act.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect 90 days following
23 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of the final adoption
24 of regulations required by the act of November 10, 1999
25 (P.L.491, No.45).