
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, GODSHALL, CALTAGIRONE, DeLUCA, BARBIN,
THOMAS, MATZIE, McNEILL, DONATUCCI, KINSEY, HELM, McCARTER,
D. COSTA, MAHONEY, COHEN AND MURT, MARCH 17, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 17, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in State Fire Commissioner, providing
3 for light-frame truss-type construction signage and
4 prescribing a penalty.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 7388. Light-frame truss-type construction signage.

10 (a) Warning signs required.--An owner of any commercial or
11 industrial structure, or any multiunit residential structure of
12 three units or more, that uses light-frame truss-type
13 construction shall mark the structure with a sign or symbol
14 approved by the commissioner in a manner sufficient to warn
15 persons conducting fire control or other emergency operations of
16 the existence of light-frame truss-type construction in the
17 structure.

18 (b) Regulations.--The commissioner shall promulgate

1 regulations to implement the provisions of this section,

2 including, but not limited to:

3 (1) The dimensions and color of such sign or symbol.

4 (2) The time within which owners of such structures must
5 comply with the provisions of this section.

6 (3) The location of the sign or symbol on such
7 structures.

8 (c) Penalties.--The commissioner shall enforce the
9 provisions of this section. An owner who fails to comply with
10 the requirements of this section commits a summary offense.

11 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the term "light-
12 frame truss-type construction" means a type of construction
13 whose primary structural elements are formed by a system of
14 repetitive wood or light gauge steel framing members, including,
15 but not limited to:

16 (1) Wood roof or floor trusses joining together with
17 metal connector plates.

18 (2) Engineered lumber roof or floor I-beams.

19 (3) Light-gauge steel channel truss systems.

20 (4) Open steel web bar joists.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.