

**HB0323/397773/1**

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 323  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “- Modifications”; in the same line, after “Codes -” insert “Local Authority”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “modifications” in line 6 and substitute “authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt local amendments”; strike beginning with “allow” in line 7 down through “the” in line 8 and substitute “are”; and in line 13, strike “12-503” and substitute “12-504”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 4 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“12-504.

(a) (1) A local jurisdiction may adopt local amendments to the Standards if the local amendments do not:

(i) prohibit the minimum implementation and enforcement activities set forth in § 12-505 of this subtitle;

(ii) weaken energy conservation and efficiency provisions contained in the Standards;

(iii) except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, weaken the automatic fire sprinkler systems provisions for townhouses and one- and two-family dwellings contained in the Standards; or

(Over)

(iv) weaken wind design and wind-borne debris provisions contained in the Standards.

(2) (i) Regardless of whether the International Green Construction Code is adopted by the Department under § 12-503(d) of this subtitle, a local jurisdiction may adopt the International Green Construction Code.

(ii) A local jurisdiction may make local amendments to the International Green Construction Code.

(3) Paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection does not apply to:

(i) standards governing issuance of a building permit for a property not connected to an electrical utility; or

(ii) until January 1, 2016, standards governing issuance of a building permit for a new one- or two-family dwelling constructed on:

1. a lot subject to a valid unexpired public works utility agreement that was executed before March 1, 2011; or

2. a lot served by an existing water service line from a water main to the property line that:

A. is less than a nominal 1-inch size;

B. is approved and owned by the public or private water system that owns the mains;

C. was installed before March 1, 2011; and

D. is fully operational from the public or private main to a curb stop or meter pit located at the property line.

(b) If a local jurisdiction adopts a local amendment to the Standards, the Standards as amended by the local jurisdiction apply in the local jurisdiction.

(c) (1) If a local amendment conflicts with the Standards, the local amendment prevails in the local jurisdiction.

**(2) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY ADOPT LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARDS THAT ARE EQUIVALENT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF:**

**(i) THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE;**

**(ii) CHAPTER 13, “ENERGY EFFICIENCY”, OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE; OR**

**(iii) CHAPTER 11, “ENERGY EFFICIENCY”, OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE.**

(d) A local jurisdiction that adopts a local amendment to the Standards shall ensure that the local amendment is adopted in accordance with applicable local law.

(e) To keep the database established under this subtitle current, a local jurisdiction that adopts a local amendment to the Standards shall provide a copy of the local amendment to the Department:

(1) at least 15 days before the effective date of the amendment; or

(2) within 5 days after the adoption of an emergency local amendment.”.