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HOUSE BILL DRH40101-MH-41A

Short Title: Promote North Carolina Sawmills.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hanig.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROMOTE LOCAL SAWMILLS BY ALLOWING THE USE OF UNGRADED
LUMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Definition. – For purposes of this act, "dimension lumber" means
lumber that has not been grade-stamped under the authority of a lumber grading bureau.

SECTION 1.(b) The North Carolina Building Code Council shall amend the North
Carolina Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings in order to permit dimension
lumber that has not been grade-stamped under the authority of a lumber grading bureau to be
used in the construction of one- and two-family dwellings, when that use meets all of the
following requirements:

- (1) The lumber is sold directly by the owner or employee of the sawmill that
milled the lumber to the owner of the dwelling to be constructed or that
person's authorized representative.
- (2) The dimension lumber meets or exceeds the requirements of the North
Carolina Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings other than the
requirements that only grade-stamped lumber be used in residential
construction.
- (3) The appropriate code enforcement official reviews the framing of the dwelling
to ensure that it meets the requirements of the North Carolina Residential
Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings in all respects other than the
requirements that only grade-stamped lumber be used in residential
construction. The code enforcement official shall not be liable or subject to
disciplinary action for willful misconduct, gross negligence, or gross
incompetence under Article 9C of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes for any
structural failure that occurs as a result of the use of dimension lumber rather
than grade-stamped lumber.

SECTION 1.(c) The Building Code Council may issue temporary rules to implement
the requirements of this act.

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and expires when the
Building Code Council has issued permanent rules substantially similar to subsection 1(b) of this
act and notifies the Codifier of Statutes that it has done so.



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