

Senate Bill 305

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AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 regulation of fire and other hazards to persons and property generally, so as to provide that
3 written notification and an opportunity to remedy be given prior to the denial of a permit or
4 request for a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion or the issuance of a
5 stop-work order with regard to buildings or structures required to meet the state minimum
6 fire safety standards; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for
7 an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 2 of Title 25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of fire
11 and other hazards to persons and property generally, is amended by adding a new Code
12 section to read as follows:

13 "25-2-14.2.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'written notification' means a typed, printed, or
15 handwritten notice citing the specific sections of the applicable codes or standards that have
16 been violated and describing specifically where and how the design or construction is
17 noncompliant with such codes or standards.

18 (b) If the state fire marshal, the proper local fire marshal, state inspector, or designated
19 code official determines that the building construction or plans for any building or
20 structure, which are required under this chapter to meet the state minimum fire safety
21 standards, do not comply with any such applicable codes or standards, the state fire
22 marshal, the proper local fire marshal, state inspector, or designated code official may deny
23 a permit or request for a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion, as
24 appropriate, or may issue a stop-work order for the project or any portion thereof as
25 provided by law or rule or regulation, after giving written notification and opportunity to
26 remedy the violation."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014, and shall be applicable to any application
29 for a permit, request for a certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion, and stop-work
30 order submitted or issued on or after such date.

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.