

House Bill 777

By: Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Burns of the 159th, McCall of the 33rd, England of the 116th, Smith of the 70th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 standards and requirements for construction, alteration, etc., of buildings and other structures,
3 so as to direct the Department of Community Affairs to undertake a review of the 2021
4 edition of the International Building Code so as to consider amending the state minimum
5 standard codes to allow tall mass timber construction types; to provide a date by which said
6 review is to be completed; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
7 other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

10 Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to standards and
11 requirements for construction, alteration, etc., of buildings and other structures, is amended
12 by revising Code Section 8-2-23, relating to amendment and revision of codes generally and
13 installation of high-efficiency cooling towers, by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

14 "(d)(1) On or after July 1, 2020, the department shall undertake a review of the tall mass
15 timber provisions of the 2021 International Building Code, approved by the International
16 Code Council, for the purpose of considering whether the department, with the approval
17 of the board, shall amend the Georgia state minimum standard codes to include
18 provisions for tall mass timber as contained in the 2021 International Building Code for
19 construction types IV-A, IV-B, and IV-C.

20 (2) The department shall complete the review provided for in paragraph (1) of this
21 subsection before July 1, 2021."

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.