

House Bill 1086

By: Representatives Chastain of the 7th, McDonald III of the 26th, Cannon of the 172nd, McCollum of the 30th, Jasperse of the 11th, and others

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 require notice
3 to be posted upon certain buildings of the use of light-frame truss-type construction; to
4 provide for rules and regulations; to provide for enforcement; to provide for definitions; to
5 provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Preston Fant and Brant Chesney Firefighter
10 Safety Act."

11 **SECTION 2.**

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

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15 "25-2-13.1.

16 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'light-frame truss-type construction' means a type
17 of construction for which the primary structural elements are formed by a system of
18 repetitive wood or light gauge steel framing members.

19 (b) The owner of any commercial or industrial building or structure, or any multiunit
20 residential building or structure of three units or more, that uses light-frame truss-type
21 construction shall post notice upon such building or structure with a sign or symbol
22 approved by the Commissioner in a manner sufficient to warn persons conducting fire
23 fighting or other emergency services of the existence of light-frame truss-type construction.

24 (c) The Commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the
25 provisions of this Code section, including, but not limited to:

26 (1) The dimensions and color of the sign or symbol required to be posted;

27 (2) The time within which an owner of commercial, industrial, and multiunit residential
28 buildings or structures that use light-frame truss-type construction shall be required to
29 comply with this Code section; and

30 (3) The location at each commercial, industrial, and multiunit residential building or
31 structure that uses light-frame truss-type construction where such sign or symbol shall be
32 posted.

33 (d) The Commissioner, state fire marshal, and local fire marshals shall be authorized to
34 enforce the provisions of this Code section. Any owner who fails to comply with
35 subsection (b) of this Code section shall be subject to civil penalties under Code Section
36 25-2-37."

37 **SECTION 3.**

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