

House Bill 1086 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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 and
4 engineered I-joists (EIJ); to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for enforcement; to
5 provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for 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:

17 (1) 'Engineered I-joists' means structural elements consisting of a thin web of material
18 sandwiched between two flanges, forming an 'I' shape.

19 (2) 'Light-frame truss-type construction' means a type of construction for which the
20 primary structural elements are formed by a system of repetitive wood or light gauge steel
21 framing members.

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

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

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

31 (2) The time within which an owner of commercial, industrial, and multiunit residential
32 buildings or structures that use light-frame truss-type construction or engineered I-joists
33 (EIJ) shall be required to comply with this Code section; and

34 (3) The location at each commercial, industrial, and multiunit residential building or
35 structure that uses light-frame truss-type construction or engineered I-joists (EIJ) where
36 such sign or symbol shall be posted.

37 (d) The Commissioner, state fire marshal, and local fire marshals shall be authorized to
38 enforce the provisions of this Code section. Any owner who fails to comply with
39 subsection (b) of this Code section shall be subject to civil penalties under Code Section
40 25-2-37."

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SECTION 3.

42 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.