

House Resolution 1792

By: Representatives Franklin of the 160th, Gaines of the 120th, Wade of the 9th, Gambill of the 15th, Leverett of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to refrain from adopting the 2024
2 International Energy Conservation Code for residential construction; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, access to safe, decent, and affordable housing is essential to the economic
4 stability and quality of life of citizens of this state; and

5 WHEREAS, this state is currently experiencing significant housing affordability challenges,
6 with rising construction costs contributing to increased home prices and reduced
7 homeownership opportunities; and

8 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs is considering whether to adopt
9 the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code, which would impose new mandates
10 affecting residential construction across the state; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's current energy code, the 2015 International Energy Conservation
12 Code with Georgia amendments, reflects a balance between energy efficiency and
13 affordability appropriate for Georgia's climate; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia-specific cost modeling indicates that the adoption of the 2024
15 International Energy Conservation Code would increase construction costs by thousands of
16 dollars per home; and

17 WHEREAS, housing affordability concerns are compounded by the fact that every \$1,000.00
18 increase in home prices will price out more than 5,000 Georgia households from the housing
19 market; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia's existing energy code aligns with, or exceeds, many such codes within
21 the region and allows for energy conscious construction without imposing excessive costs;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of this state to avoid unnecessary
24 regulatory mandates that increase housing costs during a time of significant affordability
25 challenges.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
27 GEORGIA that members of this body urge the Georgia Department of Community Affairs
28 to refrain from adopting the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code for residential
29 construction.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body encourage the Georgia
31 Department of Community Affairs to continue the use of the 2015 International Energy
32 Conservation Code with Georgia amendments as the state-wide energy code in order to
33 maintain an appropriate balance between energy efficiency and housing affordability.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 commissioner of community affairs and to the chairperson and vice chairperson of the State
37 Codes Advisory Committee.