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Summary: Fireplaces

## HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

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2/6/2013	Senate	Referred to Committee on <b>Labor, Commerce and Industry</b> ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 16</a> )
5/9/2013	Senate	Committee report: Favorable <b>Labor, Commerce and Industry</b> ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 3</a> )
5/15/2013	Senate	Read second time ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 17</a> )
5/15/2013	Senate	Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-0 ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 17</a> )
5/16/2013	Senate	Read third time and sent to House ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 7</a> )
5/16/2013	House	Introduced and read first time ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 13</a> )
5/16/2013	House	Referred to Committee on <b>Labor, Commerce and Industry</b> ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 13</a> )
5/29/2013	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment <b>Labor, Commerce and Industry</b> ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 2</a> )
5/30/2013	House	Amended ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 57</a> )
5/30/2013	House	Read second time ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 57</a> )
5/30/2013	House	Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 60</a> )
5/30/2013	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 62</a> )
5/31/2013	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ( <a href="#">House Journal-page 5</a> )
6/6/2013	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 72</a> )
6/6/2013	Senate	Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 ( <a href="#">Senate Journal-page 72</a> )
6/11/2013		Ratified R 78
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(A65, R78, S348)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 6-9-55, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL PROMULGATING CERTAIN REGULATIONS, SO AS TO EXTEND A PROVISION REGARDING REGULATIONS AND RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SECTION 501.3 OF THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE MUST NOT BE ENFORCED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2015; AND BY ADDING SECTION 6-10-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREPLACES IN LIEU OF REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

### **Extension of a provision regarding regulations and residential fire sprinkler systems, retention of crawl space ceiling requirements**

SECTION 1. Section 6-9-55 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 232 of 2010, is amended to read:

"Section 6-9-55. (A) The council shall promulgate as regulations, in accordance with the procedure and requirements contained in Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 1, any provision of or amendment to any building code that would affect construction requirements for one-family or two-family dwellings. No building code provision that would otherwise become effective after the effective date of this section concerning construction requirements for one-family or two-family dwellings shall be enforced until the effective date of the regulations required to be promulgated by this section.

(B) Notwithstanding subsection (A), a regulation mandating the installation of an automatic residential fire sprinkler system in one-family or two-family dwellings shall not become effective at any time before July 1, 2015.

(C) Notwithstanding subsection (A), Section 501.3 of the 2012 International Residential Code must not be enforced at any time before July 1, 2015."

### **Wood-burning fireplace requirements**

SECTION 2. Chapter 10, Title 6 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

"Section 6-10-35. Notwithstanding Section 402.4.3 of the 2009 Edition of the International Energy Conservation

Code, new wood-burning fireplaces shall have tight-fitting flue dampers and outdoor combustion air."

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 11th day of June, 2013.

Approved the 14th day of June, 2013.

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