



— Senate Committee on Labor and Industry —

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Senate Bill 663 Printer's No. 781

Prime Sponsor: Laughlin
Committee: Labor and Industry

SYNOPSIS:

Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act (PCCA) to require municipalities to retain 3 or more construction code officials or third party agencies and limits inspection fees.

SUMMARY:

Requires municipalities that choose to utilize third party agencies to administer the PCCA to retain three or more construction code officials or third party agencies to act on behalf of the municipality for administration and enforcement. Current law only requires one construction code official or third party agency to be retained.

Limits fees municipalities using their own employee as the municipal code official and municipalities in an agreement with other municipalities for joint administration or enforcement can charge to the actual administrative costs of code enforcement.

- Requires municipalities to annually report to the Department of Labor & Industry (Department) the fees collected and operating costs of the municipality's code enforcement program.
- Gives the Department the power to order a municipality to readjust a fee schedule that the Department reasonably believes to be excessive. Defines "excessive" as annual fees that exceed operating costs of the code enforcement program by 10 percent.
- Provides that municipalities administering and enforcing this act shall not require a standardized fee schedule and shall permit construction code officials or third-party agencies to establish independent fee schedules.

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BILL HISTORY:

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