

**SENATE BILL 1023
PRINTER'S NO. 1234**

SPONSOR: Sen. McIlhinney

The legislation amends the Act of November 10, 1999 (P.L. 491, No. 45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act.

Section 107 (Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council) is amended to provide that when the Council reviews the latest triennial ICC code revisions, it shall reject, rather than adopt individual revisions by a 2/3 vote. The Council is further directed to review the 2012 code revisions as part of its 2015 code review process.

Two members are added to the Council: a professor of engineering with a concentration or specialty in building energy efficiency and an architect specializing in building energy efficiency.

Council members shall be entitled to a \$60 per diem as well as travel, hotel and other expenses.

Section 304 (Revised or successor codes) is amended to provide the Department 12 months (rather than the current three months) from the issuance of the Council's report to promulgate final-omitted regulations to implement code revisions.

Section 703 (Education and training programs) is amended to provide for an additional restricted account funded from building permit fees to be known as the Review and Advisory Council Administration Account. The account shall be used for per diem and expense reimbursement for Council members as provided in section 107, as well as provide the Council with administrative support from the Department of Labor and Industry.

Currently, the \$4 building permit fee is divided equally among two accounts: the Municipal Code Official Training Account and the Construction Contractor Training Account. The legislation specifies that the two existing accounts will each receive 37.5 % of the funds received from building permits, while the newly established account will receive 25%.

Effective in 60 days.

About 200,000 permits are issued annually in Pennsylvania, resulting in about \$400,000 deposited into the two existing accounts on a yearly basis.