

June 13, 2002

H 1731. CLARIFY CERTAIN BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENT. TO CLARIFY THAT CITIES MAY ORDER OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TO REPAIR RATHER THAN VACATE HOUSING TO MEET MINIMUM CODE STANDARDS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE. Amends GS 160A-443(3)a. to provide that a city or county minimum housing code enforcement official may require that a deteriorated dwelling be repaired, altered, or improved (now, unclear whether official must also provide owner of dwelling with option to vacate or close the dwelling). Authorizes the official to order the dwelling vacated and closed rather than repaired, but only if official makes findings of fact to support the determination that the dwelling should be vacated and closed. Appropriates \$20,000 for fiscal 2002-2003 from General Fund to the Dep't of Insurance to educate housing officials about this "clarification."

Intro. by Adams.

Ref. to Appropriations	GS 160A, APPROP
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