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HOUSE BILL 628

Short Title: Protect/Promote NC Lumber. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Presnell and Catlin (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Agriculture.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY REQUIRING  
3 THAT SUSTAINABLE BUILDING STANDARDS NOT DISADVANTAGE OR  
4 FORBID THE USE OF BUILDING MATERIALS PRODUCED IN THIS STATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-135.37(b) reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 143-135.37. Energy and water use standards for public major facility construction and**  
8 **renovation projects; verification and reporting of energy and water use.**

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10 (b) Energy-Efficiency Standard. – For every major facility construction project of a  
11 public agency, the building shall be designed and constructed so that the calculated energy  
12 consumption is at least thirty percent (30%) less than the energy consumption for the same  
13 building as calculated using the energy-efficiency standard in ASHRAE 90.1-2004. For every  
14 major facility renovation project of a public agency, the renovated building shall be designed  
15 and constructed so that the calculated energy consumption is at least twenty percent (20%) less  
16 than the energy consumption for the same renovated building as calculated using the  
17 energy-efficiency standard in ASHRAE 90.1-2004. To achieve sustainable building standards,  
18 a construction project may utilize a nationally recognized high performance environmental  
19 building rating system, provided that any such rating system (i) does not use a material or  
20 product-based credit system disadvantaging materials or products manufactured or produced in  
21 this State; (ii) gives certification credits equally to forest products grown, manufactured, and  
22 certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, the American Tree Farm System, and the  
23 Forest Stewardship Council; (iii) must be developed in conformity with American National  
24 Standards Institute procedures; and (iv) must either be approved as American National  
25 Standards or developed by a designator audited by the American National Standards Institute.  
26 For the purposes of this subsection, any exception or special standard for a specific type of  
27 building found in ASHRAE 90.1-2004 is included in the ASHRAE 90.1-2004 standard."

28 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

