



Sprinkler Repeal Bill

Background

- Act 45 of 1999 established the uniform construction code as a way to insure uniform, modern construction standards and regulations across the Commonwealth
 - The UCC is updated every three years via the International Codes Council (ICC) update
 - The updated ICC codes are reviewed by the UCC Review and Advisory Council and must inform the Department of Labor and Industry of any code provisions that should be excluded
- However, in 2009, updated ICC codes included a mandate that all new one/two family dwellings and townhomes install automatic sprinkler systems

Current Status

- HB 377 (Everett) – makes changes to the procedure for the adoption of the triennial ICC codes, enacts alternative energy standards for log homes, eliminates the automatic sprinkler mandate, adopts 2012 standards for fire protection of floors, and excludes certain wall bracing requirements
- Passed the House and Senate, waiting for the Governor's signature