

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1130

By: Representative Pilkington

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PERMITTING FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION; TO AMEND THE FAST-TRACK PERMITS ACT; TO A ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CREATE A HOUSING IMPROVEMENT ZONE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PERMITTING FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION; TO AMEND THE FAST-TRACK PERMITS ACT; AND TO ALLOW A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CREATE A HOUSING IMPROVEMENT ZONE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 5, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14-1-506. Housing improvement zones.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Housing improvement zone" means an area of land designated by the local governing body within the corporate limits for residential unit improvement projects;

(2) "Home inspection" means the same as defined in § 17-52-303;

(3) "Home inspector" means the same as defined in § 17-52-303;

and

(4) "Residential unit" means the same as defined in § 17-52-303.

(b) A local governing body may designate housing improvement zones.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section,



property located in a housing improvement zone created under this section is exempt from all permits related to the development of a residential unit improvement project within the jurisdiction of the local government or the state.

(d) Property located in a housing improvement zone shall pass a home inspection administered by a home inspector upon completion of the residential unit improvement project.