

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2000 SESSION

## CHAPTER 35

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 36-99.01, relating to the Uniform Statewide Building Code.*

[H 518]

Approved March 6, 2000

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 36-99.01 as follows:**

*§ 36-99.01. Provisions related to rehabilitation of existing buildings.*

*A. The General Assembly hereby declares that (i) there is an urgent need to improve the housing conditions of low and moderate income individuals and families, many of whom live in substandard housing, particularly in the older cities of the Commonwealth; (ii) there are large numbers of older residential buildings in the Commonwealth, both occupied and vacant, which are in urgent need of rehabilitation and which must be rehabilitated if the State's citizens are to be housed in decent, sound, and sanitary conditions; and (iii) the application of those building code requirements currently in force to housing rehabilitation has sometimes led to the imposition of costly and time-consuming requirements which result in a significant reduction in the amount of rehabilitation activity taking place.*

*B. The Board is hereby directed and empowered to make such changes as are necessary to fulfill the intent of the General Assembly as expressed in subsection A, including, but not limited to amendments to the Building Code and adequate training of building officials and Code enforcement personnel and design professionals throughout the Commonwealth.*

**2. That the Board of Housing and Community Development shall report to the 2002 Session of the General Assembly on its progress to comply with the requirements of this act.**