

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

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5 Approved

[H 518]

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

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

8 *§ 36-99.01. Provisions related to rehabilitation of existing buildings.*

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

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

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

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