

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

## CHAPTER 285

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 9.1-207.2, relating to Department of Fire Programs; prohibition on the use of certain oriented strand board in fire training activities.*

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Approved March 18, 2021

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

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 9.1-207.2 as follows:**

**§ 9.1-207.2. Prohibition on use of certain oriented strand board.**

**A. As used in this section:**

*"Acquired structure" means a building or structure acquired by local government from a property owner for the purpose of conducting live fire training evolutions.*

*"Class A fuel materials" includes wood, straw, and paper products.*

*"Fire training activities" includes the utilization of live fire training structures designed for conducting live fire training evolutions on a repetitive basis. "Fire training activities" does not include the utilization of acquired structures for conducting live fire training evolutions.*

*"Local government" includes any locality, fire district, regional fire protection authority, or other special purpose district that provides firefighting services.*

*"Oriented strand board" means a multilayered board made from strands of wood, together with a binder, by the application of heat and pressure, with the strands in the external layer primarily oriented along the panel's strength axis in accordance with US Product Standard 2-18, Performance Standard for Wood Structured Panels. For purposes of this section only, "oriented strand board" means a wood structural panel intended as a covering material for roofs, subfloors, and walls when fastened to supports.*

**B. No person, local government, or agency of the Commonwealth shall burn Class A fuel materials that contain oriented strand board during live fire training activities.**

**C. No provision of this section shall restrict the manufacture, sale, use, or distribution of Class A fuel materials that contain oriented strand board for purposes outside of fire training activities.**