

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2004 SESSION

CHAPTER 138

An Act relating to the use of natural cut Christmas trees in the common areas of places of worship and in apartment dwelling units that do not have automatic sprinkler systems.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *The use of natural cut Christmas trees in places of worship and in apartment dwelling units. The Board of Housing and Community Development shall promulgate regulations in accordance with the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia) to permit the use of natural cut Christmas trees in places of worship and apartment dwelling units without an approved automatic sprinkler system. In the development of the regulations, the Board of Housing and Community Development shall seek input from state and local fire code officials, local building code officials, representatives of apartment owners and managers, and representatives of places of worship.*
2. **That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**