

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2007 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB2297

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        McClellan

**3. Committee**    General Laws

**4. Title**            Uniform Statewide Building Code; Statewide Fire Prevention Code; required automatic sprinkler systems.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** The bill would require the Board of Housing and Community Development to establish standards for requiring automatic sprinkler systems or other fire suppression systems in buildings that are more than 75 feet or more than six stories high and used, in whole or in part, as (i) a residential dwelling unit designed or developed and marketed to persons aged 60 years or older or (ii) an assisted living facility licensed by the Department of Social Services. The bill also contains technical amendments.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Preliminary. See item 8, below.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** There would be some costs to the Department of Housing and Community Development associated with the adoption of the new regulations. However, such costs could be funded from existing resources. In addition, the new regulations could impact the costs incurred by facilities that are subject to the new regulations. DPB cannot estimate the amount of any such costs, however.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Social Services.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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**cc:** Secretary of Commerce and Trade

Secretary of Health and Human Resources.