

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB598

House of Origin      X      Introduced                  Substitute                  Engrossed  
Second House                 In Committee              Substitute                  Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        McClellan

**3. Committee:**    General Laws

**4. Title:**            **Uniform Statewide Building Code; building permits; notice to owner.**

**5. Summary:** Requires a county, city, or town, prior to the issuance of a building permit for any single-family residential dwelling unit, to notify the owner of the subject property that a building permit application has been filed in such owner's name. The bill also requires a contractor when applying for a building permit to file a written statement, supported by an affidavit, that he is the owner or has been given authority by the owner to make application in the owner's name. Failure to do so constitutes a Class 3 misdemeanor.

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

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is responsible for administering the Uniform Statewide Building Code. Any impact the bill may have on DHCD could be absorbed within existing resources. The penalty for a Class 3 misdemeanor is a fine of not more than \$500. Revenue from such fines is deposited to the state's Literary Fund. It is not possible to estimate how much if any revenue may be collected.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Housing and Community Development, the court system, and local governments.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade