

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 907**

**SENATE BILL NO. 116**

**By Kurita, Raymond Finney, Marrero**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 348**

**By Buck, Curtiss, Moore**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 7, relative to building codes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 7, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 4-3-7\_\_.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 13, Chapter 19 to the contrary, the minimum energy conservation standards for any new residential building construction on or after the effective date of this act shall be the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code published by the International Code Council. Builders of new residential and commercial construction are encouraged to voluntarily utilize the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code energy conservation standards for new residential or commercial construction.

(b) The department is requested to provide information to the public concerning the 2003 and 2006 International Energy Conservation Codes on its Web site.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not be construed as mandating any higher level of enforcement or inspection by local governments than that in place prior to the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 7, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 4-3-7\_\_.

Energy efficiency and environmental building standards adopted by the state or by local jurisdictions:

(1) May include the use of a sheathing with factory applied radiant barrier with an emissivity rating of point zero five (.05) or less or a sheet radiant barrier with an emissivity rating of point zero five (.05) or less that also meets the specifications of ASTM C1313 and is installed according to ASTM C1158; and

(2) May include the use of lumber and engineered wood products that originate from sustainable sources and are certified through the:

(A) SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative);

(B) CSA (Canadian Standards Association);

(C) ATFS (American Tree Farms System);

(D) PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification) endorsed schemes; and

(E) FSC (Forest Stewardship Council).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 24, 2008**



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 14th day of May 2008**



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR