

Amend **HB 1777** on third reading, by inserting the following appropriately numbered sections and renumbering subsequent sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subtitle D, Title 16, Property Code, is amended by adding Chapter 431 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 431. ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDING PROGRAM

Sec. 431.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "National Housing Act" means Section 203(b), (i), or (k) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. Sections 1709(b), (i), and (k)).

Sec. 431.002. ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDING ACCREDITATION PROGRAM. (a) The commission, in consultation with the Energy Systems Laboratory at the Texas Engineering Experiment Station of The Texas A&M University System, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and an advisory committee appointed by the commission, may establish an energy-efficient building accreditation program for buildings that exceed the building energy performance standards under Section 388.003, Health and Safety Code, by 15 percent or more.

(b) If the commission establishes a program under this chapter, the commission, in consultation with the Energy Systems Laboratory, shall update the program on or before December 1 of each even-numbered year using the best available energy-efficient building practices.

(c) If the commission establishes a program under this chapter, the program must include a checklist system to produce an energy-efficient building scorecard to help:

(1) home buyers compare potential homes and, by providing a copy of the completed scorecard to a mortgage lender, qualify for energy-efficient mortgages under the National Housing Act; and

(2) communities qualify for emissions reduction credits by adopting codes that meet or exceed the energy-efficient building or energy performance standards established under Chapter 388, Health and Safety Code.

Sec. 431.003. PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM. The commission may establish a public information program to inform homeowners, sellers, buyers, and others regarding energy-efficient building ratings.

Sec. 431.004. MEASUREMENT SYSTEM FOR REDUCTION IN ENERGY AND EMISSIONS. If the commission establishes a program under this chapter, the Energy Systems Laboratory shall establish a system to measure the reduction in energy and emissions produced under the energy-efficient building program and report those savings to the commission.

Sec. 431.005. CERTIFICATION FEE. If the commission establishes a program under this chapter, the commission may set a certification fee sufficient to cover the cost of administering the program and pay for any education efforts conducted under this chapter.

SECTION _____. Section 388.009, Health and Safety Code, as added by Section 17, Chapter 1331, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is repealed.