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S.B. No. 1599

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requirements for the adoption of local amendments to
3 certain municipal residential construction codes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 214.212, Local Government Code, is
6 amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (e) and
7 (f) to read as follows:

8 (d) A municipality may review and consider amendments made
9 by the International Code Council to the International Residential
10 Code after May 1, 2001. Subsection (e) does not apply to an
11 amendment adopted by a municipality under this subsection.

12 (e) A local amendment adopted under Subsection (c) may not
13 result in less stringent building requirements than the
14 requirements prescribed by the International Residential Code, as
15 it existed on May 1, 2001. Except as provided by Subsection (f), a
16 local amendment adopted before September 1, 2005, that does not
17 comply with this subsection is void.

18 (f) This subsection applies to a residential structure for
19 which a municipal building permit or other similar municipal
20 authorization for the construction, alteration, remodeling,
21 enlargement, or repair of the structure was required and approved
22 before September 1, 2005. A local amendment adopted under
23 Subsection (c) that does not comply with Subsection (e) continues
24 in effect with respect to a residential structure subject to this

1 subsection.

2 SECTION 2. Section 214.214, Local Government Code, is
3 amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

4 (c) A local amendment adopted under Subsection (b) may not
5 result in less stringent electrical construction requirements than
6 the requirements prescribed by the National Electric Code, as it
7 existed on May 1, 2001. Except as provided by Subsection (d), a
8 local amendment adopted before September 1, 2005, that does not
9 comply with this subsection is void.

10 (d) This subsection applies to a residential structure for
11 which a residential electrical construction application or other
12 similar municipal authorization was required and approved before
13 September 1, 2005. A local amendment adopted under Subsection (b)
14 that does not comply with Subsection (c) continues in effect with
15 respect to a residential structure subject to this subsection.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.