



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 782: Code Exemption for Temp. Movie Sets.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Commerce and Insurance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	June 22, 2023
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 782 would exempt buildings used for temporary motion picture, television, and theater stage sets and scenery from any use and occupancy classification under the North Carolina State Building Code.

CURRENT LAW: The North Carolina State Building Code (Code) is adopted by the Building Code Council, a 17 member board whose members are appointed by the Governor. With the exception of boilers, elevators and State buildings, the Insurance Commissioner, through the Division of Engineering, has general supervisory authority over the administration and enforcement of the Code. Cities and counties generally enforce the Code within their respective jurisdictions and have some limited authority to adopt local code variants.

In addition to requiring building permits, the Code may include reasonable and suitable classifications of buildings and structures, both as to use and occupancy and general building restrictions. The General Assembly has enacted various exclusions from the Code including G.S. 143-138(b20) which excludes from the Code, or any local variant, any requirement to obtain a building permit for the construction, installation, repair, replacement, or alteration of temporary motion picture, television, and theater stage sets and scenery that are being used for less than one year in one location and are inspected by a fire code inspector.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 782 would expand the Code exclusion for buildings used for temporary motion picture, television, and theater stage sets and scenery by:

- Exempting them from any use and occupancy classification under the Code.
- Eliminating the requirements to qualify for permit exemption that (i) they be used for less than one year in one location, and (ii) have a fire inspection.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act is effective when it becomes law.

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