



# HOUSE BILL 768: Clarify Emerg. Comm. Exemptions/Fire Code.

2025-2026 General Assembly

**Committee:** House Housing and Development. If **Date:** April 16, 2025  
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Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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**OVERVIEW:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 768 would exempt certain buildings and structures from emergency responder communication coverage requirements found within the North Carolina Fire Code.*

*- The PCS specifically makes technical corrections to various references to the North Carolina Fire Code and technical clarification to language utilized within the bill based on enacted legislation and amendments to the Code.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Section 510 of the North Carolina Fire Code, as amended by the North Carolina Building Code Council, sets forth the requirements for emergency responder communication coverage, and related systems, in new buildings, and the exceptions to those requirements.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS would exempt the following types of buildings and structures, whether new or existing, from application of Section 510 requirements within the North Carolina Fire Code:

- Apartment buildings not exceeding 75 feet in height, constructed using wood framing, provided the building has fewer than 150 dwelling units, and all dwelling units discharge directly to the exterior or to an interior corridor providing required egress that leads directly to an exterior exit.
- Apartment buildings and transient public lodging establishments, including hotels and motels, not exceeding two stories above grade plane and that provide direct exterior egress from each dwelling unit or guest room.
- Buildings or structures subject to the North Carolina Residential Code.
- Buildings with a total gross floor area of less than 12,000 square feet and containing no story below grade plane or basement areas.

The PCS would also specify that the removal of any existing systems which are no longer required, obsolete, or abandoned would not be required.

The remainder of the PCS would require the Building Code Council to promulgate rules in accordance with this act, and directs the Councils and local governments enforcing the Code to follow the provisions of this act until the effective date of those permanent rules.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective when it becomes law.

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