**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23‑43‑80 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF MODULAR BUILDINGS, TO ALLOW FOR CERTIFICATION OF STRUCTURES NOT ORIGINALLY MANUFACTURED AS A MODULAR BUILDING AFTER THE STRUCTURE IS CONVERTED TO A MODULAR BUILDING.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 23‑43‑80 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 23‑43‑80. (A) Modular buildings must be certified by the council, as complying with this chapter and the regulations promulgated by authority of this chapter, if they have been manufactured in accordance with approved building systems and passed inspection in accordance with an approved compliance assurance program in Section 23‑43‑90. Certification is evidenced by the attachment to each modular building, a label issued by the council. Certification labels can only be attached to a modular building by the manufacturer under the supervision of the approved inspection agency. A certified modular building may not be altered in any way prior to the issuance of all permits required by local government without the council’s approval.

(B) A structure not originally intended or manufactured as a modular building can be converted to a modular building but must be certified by the council. Upon completion of the structure’s conversion to a modular building, the council shall certify the structure complies with this chapter and the regulations promulgated by authority of this chapter. The council shall perform an inspection of the structure to ensure it was converted in accordance with an approved compliance assurance program in Section 23‑43‑90. Certification is evidenced by the attachment of a label issued by the council to the converted, modular building. Certification labels can only be attached to a converted, modular building by the party who performed the conversion under the supervision of the approved inspection agency. A converted, certified modular building may not be altered in any way prior to the issuance of all permits required by local government without the council’s approval.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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