

House Bill 876

By: Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Nimmer of the 178th, Powell of the 171st, England of the 116th, McCall of the 33rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 8-2-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 state-wide application of minimum standard codes, adoption of more stringent requirements
3 by local governments, adoption of standards for which state code does not exist, and
4 exemptions for farm buildings and structures, so as to prohibit counties and municipalities
5 from proscribing the use of wood in the construction of buildings when state minimum
6 standard codes are otherwise met; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
7 and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 8-2-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state-wide
11 application of minimum standard codes, adoption of more stringent requirements by local
12 governments, adoption of standards for which state code does not exist, and exemptions for
13 farm buildings and structures, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:
14 "(c.1) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this Code section, no county or municipality shall
15 prohibit the use of wood as a construction material so long as such use conforms to all
16 applicable state minimum standard codes and the Georgia State Fire Code."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.