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SENATE BILL 581
State & Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 5/1/07
House Committee Substitute Favorable 7/24/07

Short Title: Building Permit Reductions/Rebates.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 7, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW COUNTIES AND CITIES TO PROVIDE BUILDING PERMIT
3 FEE REDUCTIONS OR PARTIAL REBATES TO ENCOURAGE
4 CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS USING SUSTAINABLE DESIGN
5 PRINCIPLES TO ACHIEVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-340 is amended by adding a new subsection to
8 read:

9 "(i) In order to encourage construction that uses sustainable design principles and
10 to improve energy efficiency in buildings, a county may charge reduced building permit
11 fees or provide partial rebates of building permit fees for buildings that are constructed
12 or renovated using design principles that conform to or exceed one or more of the
13 following certifications or ratings:

- 14 (1) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification
15 or higher rating under certification standards adopted by the U.S.
16 Green Building Council.
17 (2) A One Globe or higher rating under the Green Globes program
18 standards adopted by the Green Building Initiative.
19 (3) A certification or rating by another nationally recognized certification
20 or rating system that is equivalent or greater than those listed in
21 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection."

22 SECTION 2. G.S. 160A-381 is amended by adding a new subsection to
23 read:

24 "(f) In order to encourage construction that uses sustainable design principles and
25 to improve energy efficiency in buildings, a city may charge reduced building permit
26 fees or provide partial rebates of building permit fees for buildings that are constructed
27 or renovated using design principles that conform to or exceed one or more of the
28 following certifications or ratings:

- 1 (1) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification
2 or higher rating under certification standards adopted by the U.S.
3 Green Building Council.
4 (2) A One Globe or higher rating under the Green Globes program
5 standards adopted by the Green Building Initiative.
6 (3) A certification or rating by another nationally recognized certification
7 or rating system that is equivalent or greater than those listed in
8 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection."

9 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.