

No. 1986-55

## AN ACT

HB 2002

Amending the act of December 15, 1980 (P.L.1203, No.222), entitled "An act providing for the regulation for energy conservation purposes of the construction of buildings, the establishment of a Building Energy Conservation Committee and a Board on Variances, appeals and for penalties," making a technical change relating to the application of energy conservation standards.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 302 of the act of December 15, 1980 (P.L.1203, No.222), known as the Building Energy Conservation Act, amended December 19, 1985 (P.L.344, No.98), is amended to read:

Section 302. Application of energy conservation standards.

The energy conservation standards contained herein or as promulgated by the department with the approval of the Building Energy Conservation Committee shall apply to new buildings or to renovations *or additions* on which actual construction and/or design has not commenced prior to their effective dates. Except for the authority of the Department of Community Affairs to promulgate rules or regulations for all units subject to the act of May 11, 1972 (P.L.286, No.70), known as the "Industrialized Housing Act," provided such standards invoked are equal to or more stringent than those contained in this act, or as mandated by Federal law, no public utility as defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions), department, board, agency or commission other than as provided herein, shall promulgate or adopt any mandatory building energy conservation standards, rules or regulations other than the standards contained in Chapter 2, Subchapters D through J or promulgated under Chapter 4 of this act except as mandated by Federal law.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 9th day of May, A. D. 1986.

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