

SENATE BILL No. 570

July 13, 2011, Introduced by Senator GREEN and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1972 PA 230, entitled
"Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act,"
(MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531) by adding section 13f.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 13F. LOG WALLS ARE PERMITTED IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IF
2 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

3 (A) THE LOG WALLS HAVE A MINIMUM AVERAGE WALL THICKNESS OF 5
4 INCHES OR GREATER.

5 (B) THE LOG WALLS COMPLY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL
6 STANDARD ON THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF LOG STRUCTURES, ICC 400-
7 2007, OR OTHER SUCCESSOR STANDARD THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY SPECIFY
8 BY RULE.

9 (C) THE AREA WEIGHTED AVERAGE U-FACTOR FOR FENESTRATION
10 PRODUCTS IN THE LOG WALLS IS A MAXIMUM OF 0.31.

1 (D) ALL ENERGY EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT AND RULES
2 PROMULGATED UNDER THIS ACT APPLICABLE TO COMPONENTS OTHER THAN LOG
3 WALLS ARE MET.

4 (E) THE BUILDING HEATING EQUIPMENT IS QUALIFIED UNDER THE
5 ENERGY STAR PROGRAM JOINTLY OPERATED BY THE UNITED STATES
6 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
7 AGENCY AS PROVIDED FOR IN 10 CFR PART 430 OR THE BUILDING HEATING
8 EQUIPMENT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE FOLLOWING UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
9 OF ENERGY RATINGS:

10 (i) FOR A GAS FURNACE, AN ANNUAL FUEL UTILIZATION EFFICIENCY
11 (AFUE) OF 90.

12 (ii) FOR AN OIL FURNACE, AN ANNUAL FUEL UTILIZATION EFFICIENCY
13 (AFUE) OF 85.

14 (iii) FOR A BOILER, AN ANNUAL FUEL UTILIZATION EFFICIENCY (AFUE)
15 OF 85.

16 (iv) FOR A SPLIT SYSTEM AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP, AN 8.2 HEATING
17 SEASONAL PERFORMANCE FACTOR (HSPF).

18 (v) FOR A CLOSED LOOP WATER-TO-AIR GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP, AN
19 ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATING OF 14.1 AND A COEFFICIENT OF PERFORMANCE
20 OF 3.3.

21 (vi) FOR AN OPEN LOOP WATER-TO-AIR GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP, AN
22 ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATING OF 16.2 AND A COEFFICIENT OF PERFORMANCE
23 OF 3.6.

24 (vii) FOR A CLOSED LOOP WATER-TO-WATER GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP, AN
25 ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATING OF 15.1 AND A COEFFICIENT OF PERFORMANCE
26 OF 3.0.

27 (viii) FOR AN OPEN LOOP WATER-TO-WATER GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP, AN

1 ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATING OF 19.1 AND A COEFFICIENT OF PERFORMANCE
2 OF 3.4.

3 (ix) FOR A DIRECT GEOTHERMAL EXCHANGE, AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY
4 RATING OF 15.0 AND A COEFFICIENT OF PERFORMANCE OF 3.5.