1   State of Arkansas

2   95th General Assembly

A Bill

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5   By: Representative Pilkington

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9   AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PERMITTING FOR

10   RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION; TO AMEND THE FAST-TRACK

11   PERMITS ACT; TO A ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CREATE A

12   HOUSING IMPROVEMENT ZONE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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17   FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION; TO AMEND

18   THE FAST-TRACK PERMITS ACT; AND TO ALLOW

19   A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CREATE A HOUSING

20   IMPROVEMENT ZONE.

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22   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 5, is amended

25   to add an additional section to read as follows:

26   14-1-506. Housing improvement zones.

27   (a) As used in this section:

28   (1) "Housing improvement zone" means an area of land designated

29   by the local governing body within the corporate limits for residential unit

30   improvement projects;

31   (2) "Home inspection" means the same as defined in § 17-52-303;

32   (3) "Home inspector" means the same as defined in § 17-52-303;

33   and

34   (4) "Residential unit" means the same as defined in § 17-52-303.

35   (b) A local governing body may designate housing improvement zones.

36   (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section,

1 property located in a housing improvement zone created under this section is

2 exempt from all permits related to the development of a residential unit

3 improvement project within the jurisdiction of the local government or the

4 state.

5   (d) Property located in a housing improvement zone shall pass a home

6 inspection administered by a home inspector upon completion of the

7 residential unit improvement project.

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