

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 273 by Representative Hutter

**BUILDING CODES:** Authorizes local governments to accept affidavits regarding windblown storm debris shutters

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Specifies that a municipality or parish may allow occupancy upon receipt of an affidavit from a property owner stating that the owner has ordered the required windblown debris storm shutters and will install the shutters upon receipt.
2. Requires the shutters to be installed within 90 days of occupancy.
3. Requires, during the 90-day period, the owner to notify the parish or municipality that the shutters have been installed and the parish or municipality to make a final inspection to verify that the shutters were installed.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides that, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary relating to the authority of local governments to enforce construction codes, all municipalities and parishes in this state shall enforce only the construction codes provided for in present law.

Proposed law retains present law but authorizes municipalities and parishes in areas where windblown debris storm shutters are required by the state uniform construction code to allow occupancy upon receipt of an affidavit from a property owner stating that the owner has ordered the shutters and will install the shutters upon receipt.

Proposed law requires the shutters to be installed within 90 days of occupancy.

Proposed law further requires, during the 90-day period, the owner to notify the parish or municipality that the shutters have been installed and the parish or municipality to make a final inspection to verify that the shutters were installed.

(Adds R.S. 40:1730.23(F))