

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the adoption of a rehabilitation subcode within the state uniform construction code.

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Legislature of Louisiana found it necessary to adopt the mandatory construction standards; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana promulgated a state uniform construction code to govern the construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of buildings and other structures; and

WHEREAS, the public policy of Louisiana is to maintain reasonable standards of construction in buildings and other structures in the state consistent with the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, certain portions of the state uniform construction code are vague as to older historic properties; and

WHEREAS, the city of New Orleans is revered throughout the country for its historic buildings and landmarks; and

WHEREAS, many states, including New Jersey, have adopted subcodes to incorporate the preservation and maintenance of historic buildings and landmarks into their state construction code; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of a rehabilitation subcode in New Jersey, investment in the rehabilitation of older properties has increased by twenty percent; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the state of Louisiana to ensure that historic buildings and landmarks are maintained and preserved through an effective rehabilitation subcode within the state uniform construction code.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the adoption of a rehabilitation subcode within the state uniform construction code.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES