

CHAPTER 132

AN ACT concerning green buildings and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.52:27D-130.6 Green building manual, preparation, availability.

1. The Commissioner of Community Affairs is authorized to prepare, in consultation with other State agencies, and make available to the public, a green building manual for the purpose of ensuring that standards are available for those owners and builders who participate in any program that encourages or requires the construction of green buildings. The manual shall include federal guidelines and regulations for energy efficiency in building construction. The manual shall cover residential as well as commercial buildings. For the purposes of this act, “green building” means those building construction practices that significantly reduce or eliminate the negative impact of buildings on the environment and their occupants and may consider, but need not be limited to five broad areas: sustainable site planning; safeguarding water and water efficiency; energy efficiency and renewable energy; conservation of materials and resources; and indoor environmental quality.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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