General Assembly

February Session, 2026

Raised Bill No. 255

LCO No. **1691**

Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT INSPECTORS AND INSPECTION FIRMS TO PERFORM STATE BUILDING CODE INSPECTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee acting jointly, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services, shall establish a program to certify independent inspectors and independent inspection firms to perform inspections under the State Building Code for submission to a local building official. The program shall establish: (1) One or more classifications of independent inspectors and independent inspection firms, specifying the duties, responsibilities, minimum qualifications and insurance requirements for each classification of inspector or firm; and (2) an oversight and audit program administered by the State Building Inspector to ensure the consistency and quality of inspections performed by certified inspectors and firms. The State Building Inspector may charge a reasonable fee to apply for certification, provided the State Building Inspector may waive such fee for any person who applies, in the form and manner prescribed

16 by the State Building Inspector, and demonstrates that the person is
17 financially unable to pay such fee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*October 1, 2026*	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a program to certify independent inspectors and inspection firms to perform inspections under the State Building Code.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]