

1 AN ACT concerning construction.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Vertical Construction Masonry Composition Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Commercial building" means any building, other than a  
8 residential building for 4 or fewer families, that is  
9 constructed for the purpose of generating revenue for the  
10 owner.

11 "Masonry construction" means construction of commercial  
12 buildings by utilizing concrete, mortar, brick, stone, and  
13 similar materials.

14 "Vertical commercial construction" means construction of a  
15 commercial building rising 15 or more feet above the surface of  
16 the ground.

17 Section 10. Vertical construction; masonry component  
18 requirement.

19 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), all vertical  
20 commercial construction started after July 1, 2013 must include  
21 masonry construction for at least 15% of the building's  
22 components.

1           (b) The masonry component requirement established under  
2 subsection (a) may be reduced to a lesser percentage upon  
3 certification by an architect licensed under the Illinois  
4 Architecture Practice Act of 1989 or a structural engineer  
5 licensed under the Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989  
6 that the statutorily required percentage of masonry components  
7 would be structurally deficient in relation to the size of the  
8 building. A reduction under this subsection may only reduce the  
9 masonry component of the building to the amount necessary to  
10 maintain the structural integrity of the building.