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State Rep. Mike Jones Introduces House Bill 939 to Protect Consumer Housing Choices

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Newly elected State Representative Mike Jones has introduced House Bill 939, which is aimed at restoring consumers’ ability to choose affordable housing options while ensuring safety and health standards. The proposed bill challenges restrictive building code mandates that increase costs and limit choices for Missouri families seeking homeownership.

“HB 939 would restore consumers’ rights to choose a home that best suits their needs without sacrificing health and safety,” said Representative Jones, R-Kansas City. “Government mandates that strip choice from individuals not only increase housing costs but also make the American dream of homeownership even harder to achieve in an already unaffordable market.”

Under the proposed legislation, local governments cannot enforce building codes that mandate costly green construction features, energy efficiency upgrades, or other excessive standards that go beyond the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC) or the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

“With each new building code cycle, unnecessary complexity and expenses are added. This stretches Missouri family budgets beyond their limits,” stated Jones. He added, “It is our responsibility to challenge and eliminate these mandates, ensuring that the hardworking citizens of Missouri can afford a safe and affordable roof over their heads.”

Jones urges his colleagues to support HB 939, and in doing so, he is hopeful for the future of affordable homeownership for every Missourian.

Representative Mike Jones, a Republican, represents part of Platte County (District 12) in the Missouri House of Representatives, including Parkville, Platte Woods, Riverside, Houston Lake, and part of Kansas City. He was elected to his first term in November of 2024. For more information, contact Rep. Jones by phone at 573-751-9760 or email at Mike.Jones@house.mo.gov

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