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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Casimiro, Kislak, Cortvriend, Messier, and Bennett

Date Introduced: March 03, 2023

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-27.3-100.1.5.4 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-27.3 entitled
2 "State Building Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-27.3-100.1.5.4. State energy conservation code.**

4 (a) The state building code standards committee ("[committee](#)") shall adopt, an energy
5 conservation code, which shall be based on appropriate nationally and internationally recognized
6 models, and shall promulgate and administer the energy conservation code. The energy
7 conservation code shall contain provisions pertaining to, but not limited to, the construction of
8 buildings, the use of renewable energy resources in buildings, the efficient use of energy within
9 buildings, and the orientation of buildings on their sites. The state energy conservation code shall
10 at a minimum:

11 (1) For residential buildings, meet or exceed the most recently published International
12 Energy Conservation Code (IECC), or achieve equivalent or greater energy savings. The state
13 building code standards committee shall revise the state energy conservation code to comply with
14 this requirement within one year of any update to the International Energy Conservation Code;
15 [provided, however, that the 2021 IECC published by the International Code Council shall be](#)
16 [adopted no later than September 1, 2023, and shall require one hundred percent \(100%\) compliance](#)
17 [for all new and renovated residential building space.](#)

18 (2) For commercial buildings, meet or exceed the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESN A Standard 90.1-
19 2007, or achieve equivalent or greater energy savings; [provided, however, that the 2021 IECC](#)

1 published by the International Code Council shall be adopted no later than September 1, 2023, and
2 shall require one hundred percent (100%) compliance for all new and renovated commercial
3 building space.

4 (b) The state building code standards committee shall develop a plan no later than
5 September 1, 2023, to achieve compliance with the building code(s) described in subdivisions (1)
6 and (2) ~~no later than February 17, 2017 in at least ninety percent (90%)~~ of new and renovated
7 residential and commercial building space in the state. Such plan shall include active training and
8 enforcement programs and measurement of the rate of compliance each year, and shall include
9 provisions to adopt the 2024 IECC for both residential and commercial buildings with a
10 requirement of one hundred percent (100%) compliance to be adopted no later than one year after
11 its publication.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the state building code standards committee to adopt the 2021
2 International Energy Conservation Code ("IECC") provisions no later than September 1, 2023. One
3 hundred percent (100%) compliance would be required. This act would also require the commission
4 to develop a plan to adopt the 2024 IECC within one year of its publication.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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