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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Senator Victoria Gu

Date Introduced: March 30, 2023

Referred To: Senate Commerce

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 [or commercial](#) buildings, meet or exceed the most recently published
12 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), or achieve equivalent or greater energy savings.
13 The state building code standards committee shall revise the state energy conservation code to
14 comply with this requirement within one year of any update to the International Energy
15 Conservation Code; [provided, however, that the 2021 IECC published by the International Code](#)
16 [Council shall not be adopted and the 2024 IECC published by the International Code Council shall](#)
17 [be adopted within \(3\) three months of its release.](#)

18 (2) ~~For commercial buildings, meet or exceed the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-~~
19 ~~2007, or achieve equivalent or greater energy savings.~~

1 Within one year of the release of the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code, the
2 state building code standards committee shall revise the state energy conservation code to meet or
3 exceed the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code's electric readiness provisions.

4 (b) No later than six (6) months after the adoption of the building code(s) described in
5 subsection (a) of this section, The the state building code standards committee shall develop a plan
6 to achieve compliance with the building code(s) ~~described in subdivisions (1) and (2) no later than~~
7 ~~February 17, 2017~~ described in subsection (a) of this section in at least ninety percent (90%) of new
8 and renovated residential and commercial building space in the state. Such plan shall include active
9 training and enforcement programs and measurement of the rate of compliance each year.

10 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 revise the state
2 energy conservation code to meet or exceed the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code
3 electric readiness provisions.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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