AN ACT
RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HURRICANE, STORM AND FLOOD STANDARDS

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Carson, Cortvriend, Noret, Hull, and J Lombardi

Date Introduced: May 27, 2022

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 23-27.3-100.1.5.5 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-27.3 entitled "State Building Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:

23-27.3-100.1.5.5. Hurricane, storm, and flood standards.

The state building code standards committee has the authority in consultation with the building code commissioner, to adopt, maintain, amend, and repeal code provisions, which shall be reasonably consistent with recognized and accepted standards and codes, including for existing buildings, for storm and flood resistance. Such code provisions shall, to the extent reasonable and feasible, take into account climatic changes and potential climatic changes and sea level rise and inundation areas below dams classified by the department of environmental management as high hazard, significant hazard, or low hazard.

Flood velocity zones may incorporate freeboard calculations adopted by the Coastal Resources Management Council pursuant to its power to formulate standards under the provisions of § 46-23-6.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
This act would amend dam safety standards to require the state building code standards committee to take into account climate change effect on inundation areas below dams classified as high, significant, or low hazard.

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