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

10 (1) For residential or commercial buildings, meet or exceed the most recently published  
11 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), or achieve equivalent or greater energy savings.  
12 The state building code standards committee shall revise the state energy conservation code to  
13 comply with this requirement within one year of any update to the International Energy  
14 Conservation Code.

15 (2) ~~For commercial buildings, meet or exceed the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESN A Standard 90.1-~~  
16 ~~2007, or achieve equivalent or greater energy savings.~~

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

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

7           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 2024 International Energy Conservation Code electric readiness  
3 provisions.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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