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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2009

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE
- ADOPTING OF CODE

Introduced By: Senators DeVall, Connors, Ruggerio, and DaPonte

Date Introduced: April 22, 2009

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

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.** – (a) The state building code
4 standards committee ~~has the authority to~~ shall adopt, ~~maintain, amend, and repeal~~ an ~~optional~~
5 energy conservation code, which shall be based on appropriate nationally and internationally
6 recognized models, and ~~to~~ shall promulgate and administer the energy conservation code. The
7 energy conservation code shall contain provisions pertaining to, but not limited to, the
8 construction of buildings, the use of renewable energy resources in buildings, the efficient use of
9 energy within buildings, and the orientation of buildings on their sites. The state energy
10 conservation code shall 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 (2) For commercial buildings, meet or exceed the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESN A Standard
16 90.1-2007, or achieve equivalent or greater energy savings.

17 (b) The state building code standards committee shall develop a plan to achieve
18 compliance with the building code(s) described in subdivisions (1) and (2) no later than February

1 17, 2017 in at least ninety percent (90%) of new and renovated residential and commercial
2 building space in the state. Such plan shall include active training and enforcement programs and
3 measurement of the rate of compliance each year.

4 SECTION 2.

5 Severability. If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or
6 circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of
7 this section, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end
8 the provisions of this section are declared to be severable.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would mandate the adopting of a state energy conservation code.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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