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Code Alerts

Upcoming Code Body Meetings



State	Body	Date	Link
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Electricity Meeting	7/13/2021	Info
Louisiana	Louisiana Oil and Gas Hearing	7/13/2021	Info
Massachusetts	Board of Building Regulation and Standards Meeting	7/13/2021	Info
Connecticut	Connecticut Code and Standards Committee Meeting	7/14/2021	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Geotechnical Advisory Committee Meeting	7/14/2021	Info
Indiana	Indiana Elevator Code Committee Meeting	7/14/2021	Info
Louisiana	Commission for Energy, Environment, & Restoration Meeting	7/14/2021	Info
DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board Meeting	7/15/2021	Info
California	California Energy Commission Meeting	7/15/2021	Info
Maine	Maine Technical Codes and Standards Board Meeting	7/15/2021	Info
New York	New York Building Standards and Codes Meeting	7/15/2021	Info
North Carolina	North Carolina Building/Fire Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	7/15/2021	Info
North Carolina	North Carolina Residential Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	7/15/2021	Info
Montana	Montana Building Codes Council Meeting	7/15/2021	Info
DC	DC Construction Codes Coordinating Board Meeting	7/15/2021	Info
New Hampshire	Energy Efficiency & Sustainable Energy Board Meeting	7/16/2021	Info
North Carolina	North Carolina Building/Fire Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	7/16/2021	Info
Washington	State Building Code Council TAG (Energy Code) Meeting	7/16/2021	Info
Virginia	Virginia State Code Technical Review Board Meeting	7/16/2021	Info
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Electricity Meeting	7/13/2021	Info
Louisiana	Louisiana Oil and Gas Hearing	7/13/2021	Info
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Building

State/Body	Date	Title
Massachusetts	7/13/2021	10th Edition Progress Update

The BBRS will discuss/vote on 10th Edition progress update on IBC Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 12.

Energy

State/Body	Date	Title
Wisconsin	7/12/2021	Suggested Code Changes and Commercial Energy Code Amendments

The CBCC discussed suggested code changes to IECC & SPS 363 - Energy Conservation. They also discussed proposed Commercial Energy Code Amendments: Thermal Bridging, Horticultural Lighting Efficacy, Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems, Electric Vehicle Readiness, and Renewable Energy. Further, they heard feedback regarding IECC C404.5.

Electrical

State/Body	Date	Title
Maine	7/2/2021	2020 NEC Adoption

Maine has adopted the 2020 Edition of the NEC, effective July 2, 2021.

State/Body	Date	Title
Delaware	9/1/2021	NFPA Code Update

The State Fire Commission has published a final order adopting regulation changes to adopt updated NFPA codes. Among the code updates include NFPA 1 2021, NFPA 54 2021, NFPA 72 2019, NFPA 101 2021, and the 2020 Edition of the NEC (NFPA 70). These codes are effective September 1, 2021.

Misc.

State/Body	Date	Title
Virginia	7/1/2021	2018 Code Change Cycle Adoption

The Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development approved the final regulations for the 2018 code change cycle at their meeting on December 14, 2020. The 2018 Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC), Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR), and Amusement Device Regulations (VADR) will go into effect on July 1, 2021. These regulations include adoption of the 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC). Please also note that the "grace period" for construction under the 2018 codes will last one (1) year, or until June 30, 2022. The confirmed effective date, state amendment information, and other details of the 2018 Virginia Codes have been published in Volume 37, Issue 14 of the Virginia Register.

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
CA	AB 148	Public Resources	Assembly Committee on Budget	Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on B. & F.R.	7/11/2021
<p>Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to prepare, adopt, and submit building standards and other fire and life safety regulations to the California Building Standards Commission for approval establishing minimum requirements for the storage, handling, and use of hazardous materials. Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to seek the advice of the Office of Emergency Services in establishing those requirements. This bill would require the State Fire Marshal to seek the advice of the Secretary for Environmental Protection, rather than the office, in establishing those requirements. The bill would replace references in those provisions to "local fire chief" with "fire code official."</p>					
RI	SB 339	Appliance And Equipment Energy And Water Efficiency Standards Act Of 2021	Sue Sosnowski	Transmitted to Governor	7/8/2021
<p>This chapter establishes minimum efficiency standards for certain products sold or installed in the state. This chapter shall, upon enactment, be construed to supersede the provisions of chapter 27 of title 39, "The Energy and Consumer Savings Act of 2005", but only to the extent that any products sold or installed in compliance with the provisions of chapter 27 of title 39 be replaced on or after January 1, 2023, with products that are in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.</p>					
CA	AB 1329	Building codes: earthquakes	Adrin Nazarian	. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.	7/8/2021
<p>The bill would require the Building Standards Commission to develop, adopt, and publish building standards that would require new construction of buildings, except for buildings regulated by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development or the Division of the State Architect, to be designed and built to a functional recovery standard, as defined, for earthquake loads. The bill would specify that if a functional recovery standard is not completed in time for inclusion in the building code with an effective date of January 1, 2026, engineered buildings, as defined, will be assigned to Risk Category IV, as defined in the building code.</p>					
FL	HB 401	Florida Building Code	Elizabeth Fetterhoff	Chapter No. 2021-201	7/6/2021
<p>This bill provides that assisting living facilities are exempt from certain compliance standards; authorizes substantially affected person to file petition with Florida Building Commission to review local government regulations. It also prohibits local government from requiring certain contracts for issuance of building permit; requires evaluation entities that meet certain criteria to comply with certain standards.</p>					