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Code Alerts

Upcoming Code Body Meetings



State	Body	Date	Link
MI	Michigan State Plumbing Board Meeting	10/26/2021	Info
VA	Virginia Board for Contractors Meeting	10/26/2021	Info
NC	North Carolina Existing Building Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	10/26/2021	Info
ID	Idaho Electrical Board Meeting	10/27/2021	Info
WI	Wisconsin Plumbing Code Advisory Committee Meeting	10/27/2021	Info
WA	State Building Code Council TAG (Building Code) Meeting	10/27/2021	Info
MA	Massachusetts Existing Buildings Advisory Committee Meeting	10/27/2021	Info
NC	North Carolina Residential Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting	10/28/2021	Info
NJ	New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers	10/28/2021	Info
ID	Idaho Plumbing Board Meeting	10/28/2021	Info
CT	Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board Meeting	10/28/2021	Info
FL	Florida Building Commission TAC (Mechanical) Meeting	11/1/2021	Info

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Building

State	Date	Title
Massachusetts	10/27/2021	IEBC 2021 Recommendations
On October 27, the Existing Building Code Committee will review and vote on recommendations on the 2021 International Existing Building Code (IEBC 2021).		

Fire

State	Date	Title
Florida	10/25/2021	FFPC Development Plan
Florida has published the 8th Edition (2023) Development Plan for the Florida Fire Prevention Code.		

Energy

State	Date	Title
Minnesota	10/21/2021	Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1323, Commercial Energy Code
The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry requests comments on its possible amendment to Minnesota Rules, chapter 1323, Commercial Energy Code. The Department is considering rule amendments that incorporate by reference ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1 Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings, with amendments, and any other amendments necessary to administer and enforce the Commercial Energy Code.		

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Electrical/Plumbing

State	Date	Title
Maine	10/4/2021	Chapter 160 - Power Generation Systems as Electrical Installations adopted by the Secretary of State's Office
<p>The Secretary of State has adopted rule Chapter 160, Power Generation Systems as Electrical Installations; it is effective as of October 4, 2021 and has been made available on the SOS website.</p> <p>The rule creates a new chapter that explains when installations of power generation systems are, and are not, considered “electrical installations” as that term is defined in statute. The adopted rule provides that a complete installation of a photovoltaic, fuel cell, or wind power generation system is an “electrical installation” as that term is defined by statute, and describes when installing portions of a photovoltaic power generation system that constitute less than a complete installation are not “electrical installations” as that term is defined by statute.</p>		
Maine	1/1/2022	2021 UPC – Effective January 1, 2022
<p>The Plumbers’ Examining Board has adopted a rule repealing the current 02-395, Chapter 4, Installation Standards, replacing it with a rule with the same title and in the same location that adopts and establishes installation rules and incorporates by reference into board rule the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code, Copyright © 2020, 29th edition, Third Printing, May 2021, as the standard for plumbing installations in the State of Maine, subject to the exclusions and amendments as set forth in the rule. The newly adopted Chapter 4 will be effective January 1, 2022.</p>		
Wisconsin	10/27/2021	Plumbing Code Changes
<p>On October 27, the Plumbing Code Advisory Committee will discuss plumbing code changes, including SPS 302 (Fee Schedule), SPS 381 (Definitions and Standards), SPS 392 (Design, Construction, Installation, Supervision, Maintenance, and Inspection of Plumbing), and SPS 384 (Plumbing Products).</p>		

Misc.

State	Date	Title
Washington	10/21/2021	Emergency Rules
<p>The State Building Code Council has recently enacted a number of emergency rules affecting the building code, fire code and energy code.</p> <p>The Building Code rules include: Elevator car sizing; Elevator pit fire sprinklers.</p> <p>The Fire Code rules include: Removing amendments to the Wildland Urban Interface Code; Elevator pit fire sprinklers.</p> <p>The Energy Code (Residential) rules include: Installation allowances for heat pumps; A delay in enforcing requirements for gas fireplace controls.</p>		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

State	Bill #	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
US	HR 4350	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022	Adam Smith	S.Amdt.3867 Senate amendment submitted	10/21/2021

This bill provides for Sec. 2861. A Pilot program on increased use of mass timber in military construction. The program provides that each Secretary of a military department shall conduct a pilot program to evaluate the effect that the use of mass timber as the primary construction material in military construction may have on the environmental sustainability, infrastructure resilience, cost effectiveness, and construction timeliness of military construction.

State Rules & Notices



State Rules & Notices

State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
IN	10/20/2021	Notice	Written Interpretation Of The State Building Commissioner: Public And Common Areas

The commissioner interpretation provides that Section 907.5.2.3.1 of the 2014 IBC does not require visible alarm notification appliances in hospital patient treatment and sleeping rooms of medical facilities if the fire alarm system is designed for private mode operation in accordance with NFPA 72-2010.

NJ	10/18/2021	Final	Uniform Construction Code
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The proposed amendments to the Rehabilitation Subcode became effective October 18, 2021. The proposed amendments addressed the sizing of replacement mechanical equipment and the need for equipment guards for elevated surfaces within the fuel gas subcode.