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Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
Louisiana	Louisiana Oil and Gas Hearings	6/6/2023	Info
Indiana	Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Meeting	6/6/2023	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire State Building Code Review Board Meeting	6/6/2023	Info
Louisiana	Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council Meeting	6/6/2023	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Fire Training Council	6/7/2023	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Meeting	6/7/2023	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Accessibility Advisory Council Meeting	6/8/2023	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts BFPR Administrative Code Committee Meeting	6/8/2023	Info
New Jersey	New Jersey Uniform Construction Code Advisory Board Meeting	6/9/2023	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Special Occupancy TAC Meeting	6/12/2023	Info
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	6/13/2023	Info
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	6/13/2023	Info
Arkansas	Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board Meeting	6/13/2023	Info
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Arkansas	Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board Meeting	6/13/2023	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Fire Control Board Meeting	6/14/2023	Info
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Mechanical Safety and Licensing Board Meeting	6/14/2023	Info

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Building

State	Date	Title
Washington	5/10/2023	SBCC discusses off-cycle rulemaking related to the 2021 IBC
The Washington State Building Code Council has published on its website notice of ongoing discussion surrounding off-cycle rulemaking related to the 2021 International Building Code. Specifically, such discussions surround adoption of the R-4 Occupancy Group (and modification of provisions therein) related to licensed care facilities (WSR 23-11-026).		
New Jersey	5/8/2023	DCA proposes amending UCC
The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is seeking to amend N.J.A.C. 5:23-2, Administration and Enforcement: Process, and 3, Subcodes, of the Uniform Construction Code. The proposed amendments would update the UCC to reflect current administrative and inspection requirements, as well as to revise terminology. Specifically, the proposed amendments include an update to N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.20 to clarify special inspection requirements adopted as part of the building subcode.		
Louisiana	6/6/2023	LSUCCC Discussion on 2021 IBC Appendix G
The LSUCCC will consider and discuss the adoption of Appendix G of the 2021 IBC - Flood Resistant Construction		

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Fire

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Washington	6/28/2023	SBCC Hearing on the Revisions to the 2021 IFC
The Washington State Building Code Council will hold a hearing on the 28th of June related to the proposed accessibility amendments to the 2021 IFC. This would add definitions for "custodial care" and "limited verbal or physical assistance," and strike 1019.3 related to exit access stairways and ramps - occupancies other than Groups I-2 and I-3.		

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Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
H 2290. HD 1267	MA	An Act relative to fire protection	Ruth B. Balser, Joan B. Lovely	Hearing scheduled for 06/07/2023	6/1/2023
This provides that any residential building with four or more dwelling units, including various types of housing, must have an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with the State Building Code. If there is a lack of adequate water supply, the head of the fire department may allow an alternative or modified fire suppression system as prescribed by the Building Code. Building owners with approved and well-maintained installations may be eligible for a reduction in fire insurance.					
HP 622. LD 975	ME	An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards	W. Edward Crockett, Michael F. Brennan	Considering	6/1/2023
This bill requires that, for newly constructed buildings or for new additions that extend beyond the exterior wall of an existing building, passenger elevators conform to the International Building Code standard, as adopted in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, regarding elevator car accommodations for an ambulance stretcher.					
S 3531. S 3531A	NY	Directs the state fire prevention and building code council to update the state fire prevention and building code and the state energy conservation construction code	James G. Skoufis, Luis R. Sepulveda	Referred to Government Rel.	6/1/2023
This bill directs the state fire prevention and building code council to update the state fire prevention and building code and the state energy conservation construction code within 18 months of the publication of any updated or revised edition of the international and national codes.					

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SB 48	CA	Building Energy Savings Act.	Josh Becker	Referred to Coms. on U. & E. and NAT. RES.	6/1/2023
This bill provides that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to create building performance standards for improvements in energy efficiency and reductions in the emissions of greenhouse gasses in large buildings, including measures to ensure that making the necessary investments to improve these buildings will improve equity and avoid displacement or increased energy burdens.					
SB 795	CA	Energy: building energy efficiency: heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning equipment sale registry and compliance tracking system: electronic statewide compliance documentation data repository.	Henry I. Stern, David D. Cortese	In Assembly	5/31/2023
This bill would require the commission to develop and implement an electronic statewide heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment sales registry and compliance tracking system. The bill would also require the commission to develop and implement an electronic statewide compliance document data repository.					
SB 53. LSR 2023-092 1	NH	(New Title) permitting the use of certain refrigerants that are in compliance with the Clean Air Act.	Timothy P. Lang	Passed Committee	5/31/2023
This bill proposes an amendment to the state building code regarding the use of refrigerants. The amendment states that no provision in the state or local building codes should restrict or limit the use of refrigerants that are considered acceptable under the regulations specified in 42 U.S.C. section 7671k. However, any equipment utilizing such refrigerants must still comply with safety standards and usage conditions outlined in the designated regulations. If passed, this act will become effective 60 days after its approval.					

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HP 1174 , LD 1842	ME	Resolve, to Support Energy Upgrades at Maine Public Schools and Ensure That New School Construction Meets Current Energy Efficiency Standards	Raegan French LaRoche, Christopher J. Kessler, Marc Malon, Laurie Osher	Failed	5/30/2023
The bill directs the Department of Education to form a working group to review and recommend changes to the department's new construction and renovation energy efficiency standards with an emphasis on heating and cooling systems. The working group must also consider the best ways to upgrade existing schools' older heating and cooling systems to more energy-efficient systems and how those upgrades can be made cost-neutral for school administrative units.					