

Jan. 16th, 2024

Code Alerts

Upcoming Code Body Meetings



Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Board of Fire Control Meeting	1/17/2024	Info
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	1/17/2024	Info
Indiana	Indiana Electrical Code Update Committee Meeting	1/17/2024	Info
California	California Building Standards Commission Meeting	1/18/2024	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Building Code Coordinating Council Meeting	1/18/2024	Info
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Fire Service Commission Meeting	1/18/2024	Info
Virginia	Virginia State Building Code Technical Review Board Meeting	1/19/2024	Info
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	1/19/2024	Info
Maine	Maine Electricians' Examining Board Meeting	1/19/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Energy TAC Meeting	1/23/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Mechanical TAC Meeting	1/23/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Roofing TAC Meeting	1/23/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Special Occupancy TAC Meeting	1/23/2024	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review Meeting	1/23/2024	Info
Iowa	Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board Meeting	1/24/2024	Info
California	California Energy Commission Business Meeting	1/24/2024	Info
Idaho	Idaho Electrical Board Meeting	1/24/2024	Info
North Dakota	North Dakota State Electrical Board Meeting	1/24/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Building Structural Technical Advisory Committee Meeting	1/24/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Swimming Pool TAC Meeting	1/24/2024	Info
South Dakota	South Dakota Plumbing Commission Meeting	1/25/2024	Info
Georgia	Georgia State Codes Advisory Committee Meeting	1/25/2024	Info

Jan. 16th, 2024

Code Alerts

Recent Activity Alerts



Meetings

Florida	Florida Accessibility TAC	1/25/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Building Commission Code Administration Technical Advisory Committee	1/25/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Fire TAC	1/25/2024	Info
Florida	Florida Plumbing TAC	1/25/2024	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council Meeting	1/25/2024	Info
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Meeting	1/25/2024	Info
Vermont	Vermont Access Board Meeting	1/29/2024	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review Meeting	1/30/2024	Info
Texas	Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners Meeting	1/31/2024	Info
West Virginia	West Virginia State Fire Commission Committee Meeting	2/1/2024	Info
West Virginia	West Virginia State Fire Commission Meeting	2/2/2024	Info
Minnesota	Minnesota Residential Energy Code TAG Meeting	2/5/2024	Info
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review Meeting	2/6/2024	Info

Jan 16th, 2024

Code Alerts

Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

Bill #	State	Bill Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action	Date
HB 151	VA	Energy, Department of; building standards for certain local buildings.	Daniel I. Helmer	House: Assigned GL sub: Housing/Consumer Protection	1/15/2024
<p>This bill requires any locality that is planning to construct a new building larger than 5,000 gross square feet or renovate a building where the renovation costs exceed 50% of the building's value to adhere to certain standards. Firstly, the building must be designed, constructed, verified, and operated by a high-performance building certification program. Additionally, the building must have sufficient zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) charging and fueling infrastructure. The locality must also implement features that allow for the measurement of the building's energy consumption and the calculation of associated carbon emissions, including metering of all electricity, gas, water, and other utilities.</p> <p>The bill also states that for buildings that are smaller than 20,000 gross square feet, the locality has the option to achieve relevant ENERGY STAR certification and implement commissioning instead of high-performance building standards. If the building type is not eligible for ENERGY STAR certification, energy modeling must be used to demonstrate that the project will perform at least as well as the ENERGY STAR Target Finder value or meet equivalent standards provided in the guidance.</p>					
S 253	VT	An act relating to building energy codes	Christopher A. Bray	Read 1st time & referred to Committee on [Natural Resources and Energy]	1/15/2024
<p>This bill would establish the Building Energy Code Working Group and allow the Commissioner of Public Service to update the residential building energy codes and commercial building energy codes. The bill aims to increase compliance with energy codes to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from home and business heating and cooling. The bill finds that heating and cooling is the second largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Vermont, and reducing emissions from the thermal sector is necessary to meet GHG reduction requirements. Increasing the energy efficiency of buildings through energy codes is one method of achieving these reductions. Currently, Vermont has Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES) and Commercial Building Energy Standards (CBES) that the Department of Public Service regularly updates.</p>					

Jan. 16th, 2024

Code Alerts

Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

SB 258	MD	Department of General Services - State Buildings and Facilities - Energy Conservation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions	N/A	Hearing 1/31 at 2:00 p.m.	1/11/2024
<p>This bill aims to amend the State's goals for reducing energy consumption in State buildings by updating the High-Performance Green Building Program to align with greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. It requires the Department of General Services to identify State-owned facilities for potential energy performance contracts, implement measures to increase energy efficiency and mandate reporting on progress toward reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, the Maryland Green Building Council is tasked with updating the program to align with the state's goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. The bill will take effect on July 1, 2024.</p>					
SF 479	IA	A bill for an act repealing energy conservation requirements for new construction.(Formerly SF 334.)	N/A	Subcommittee : Webster, Bisignano, and Westrich.	1/11/2024
<p>This bill relates to state energy conservation requirements. The bill allows a governmental subdivision to adopt energy conservation requirements that are less restrictive than the state building code. The bill prohibits the state building code commissioner from amending or rescinding current rules creating energy conservation requirements except as required by the adoption of a statute by the general assembly.</p>					
HB 130	MD	Department of General Services - State Buildings and Facilities - Energy Conservation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions	N/A	Hearing 1/31 at 3:00 p.m.	1/10/2024
<p>This bill amends the code directing The Department, in cooperation with the Maryland Energy Administration, to assist State agencies in reducing, by 2031, the average energy consumption in State buildings by 20% from the level in fiscal year 2018. The bill also adds that by October 1, 2024, the Maryland Green Building Council must update the High-Performance Green Building Program to align all new buildings and major renovations with the state's net zero greenhouse gas emissions goal by 2045. Alongside this, the Department is required to identify and work closely with state-owned facilities eligible for energy savings performance contracts. Annual audits must be performed on at least 2,000,000 square feet of state-owned buildings to assess and implement best practices and cost-effective measures for energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emission reduction.</p>					

Jan. 16th, 2024

Code Alerts

Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

HB 210	MD	Department of General Services - State Buildings and Facilities - Energy Conservation and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions	Gabriel Acevero	First Reading Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters	1/10/ 2024
------------------------	----	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------

This bill directs the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt, on or before January 1, 2025, and as part of the Maryland Building Performance Standards, a requirement that new buildings meet all energy demands of the building without the use of fossil fuels and an electric-ready standard for certain buildings. The policy also creates a new standard that requires new buildings that receive a waiver to be built to an electric-ready standard. For new buildings that are less than seven stories high and for which a building permit application has been received, this requirement must be fulfilled on or before October 1, 2026. For new buildings that are seven or more stories high and have a building permit application, the deadline is extended to October 1, 2030. However, certain types of new buildings, such as those designated for commercial food establishments, laboratories, laundromats, hospitals, crematoriums, or buildings with emergency backup power systems, may be eligible for waivers. These waivers can only be granted for areas that cannot feasibly use energy generated from a source other than fossil fuels. Financial considerations cannot be deemed a reason for infeasibility.

HF 490	IA	A bill for an act relating to building design element regulation by governmental subdivisions, and including effective date provisions.	Thompson	* * * * * END OF 2023 ACTIONS * * * * *	1/9/2 024
------------------------	----	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------	--------------------------------------------------	--------------

This bill prohibits a governmental subdivision from adopting or enforcing a rule, charter provision, ordinance, order, building code, or other regulation that governs building design elements in three primary manners. First, a governmental subdivision cannot prohibit or limit the use or installation of a building product or material in the construction, renovation, maintenance, or other alteration of a residential building or structure if the building product or material is approved for use by an applicable, recently published national model code and the building product or material has not been removed from a national model code for failing to meet fire and safety standards. Second, a governmental subdivision cannot establish a standard for a building product, material, or aesthetic method in construction, renovation, maintenance, or other alteration of a residential building or structure if the standard is more stringent than a standard for the product, material, or aesthetic method under a recently published national model code. Third, a governmental subdivision cannot establish a new, or amend an existing, residential building design element requirement unless certain conditions apply to either the building or the requirement.

Jan. 16th, 2024

FiscalNote

Code Alerts

Bills with Recent Activity



Legislation

LB 164	NE	A bill for an act relating to building design element regulation by governmental subdivisions, and including effective date provisions.	Terrell McKinney	Notice of hearing for January 16, 2024 on AM2075	1/9/2024
This bill adopts the following building codes: The International Building Code (IBC), chapter 13 of the 2021 6 edition, and all but such chapter of the 2018 edition, except 101.4.3 and chapter 29, and The International Residential Code (IRC), chapter 11 of the 2021 12 edition, and all but such chapter of the 2018 edition, except section 13 R313 and chapters 25 through 33. A local building or construction code shall be deemed to conform generally with the state building code if it adopts Chapter 13 of the 2021 edition of the International Building Code, or Chapter 11 of the 2021 edition of the International Residential Code.					

Jan. 16th, 2024

Code Alerts

State Rules & Notices



State Rules & Notices

State	Pub. Date	Type	Title
ND	2024/01/10	Proposed	National Electrical Code
<p>This proposed rule mandates the adoption of the NFPA 70, 2023 edition, and the NFPA 101, 2021 edition. It specifies that in rooms with removed wall coverings, electrical wiring must adhere to the 2023 NEC, and in buildings with changed occupancy, electrical wiring, and equipment must meet the 2023 National Electrical Code standards.</p>			