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Upcoming Code Body Meetings

State	Body	Date	Formula
Alabama	State of Alabama Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board	5/5/2025	<u>Info</u>
Minnesota	Minnesota Residential Energy Code Technical Advisory Group Meeting	5/5/2025	<u>Info</u>
Florida	Florida Building Commission "Code Chat Session"	5/6/2025	<u>Info</u>
Hawaii	Hawaii State Fire Council Meeting	5/6/2025	<u>Info</u>
Idaho	Idaho Electrical Board Meeting	5/6/2025	<u>Info</u>
Virginia	Virginia Building and Code Officials Association, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Committee Meeting	5/6/2025	Info
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission Residential Building Technical Code Review Committee Meeting	5/7/2025	<u>Info</u>
California	California Energy Commission Business Meeting	5/8/2025	<u>Info</u>
Minnesota	Minnesota Plumbing Board Special Meeting	5/12/2025	<u>Info</u>
DC	DC Construction Code Coordination Board Regular Meeting	5/15/2025	<u>Info</u>
Washington	Washington State Building Code Council Meeting	5/16/2025	<u>Info</u>
Idaho	Idaho Building Code Board Meeting	5/20/2025	<u>Info</u>
North Dakota	North Dakota Building Code Advisory Committee Meeting	5/22/2025	<u>Info</u>
DC	DC Green Building Advisory Council Meeting	6/4/2025	<u>Info</u>
Florida	Florida Building Commission Code Administration Technical Advisory Committee Meeting	6/16/2025	<u>Info</u>

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Plumbing

State	Date	Title
Washington		<u>Washington Opens UPC Code Change Proposal Period Through</u> June 23, 2025
The Washington State Building Code Council opened the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) change proposal period on April 25, 2025. Stakeholders may submit proposed amendments until the comment window closes on June 23, 2025.		

State	Date	Title
Minnesota		MN Plumbing Board to Review Bill Exempting Well Contractors from Plan Reviews and Inspections
The Minnesota Plumbing Board will meet on May 12 to discuss House File 2882, a bill that would exempt licensed and bonded well contractors from state plumbing plan reviews and inspections for certain types of work. The exemption would apply when contractors are installing parts like water service lines or hydrants connected to a well, work that they are already allowed to do under existing law. The Board will consider whether to take an official position or suggest changes to the bill, as it could impact how plumbing code rules are enforced.		

Residential

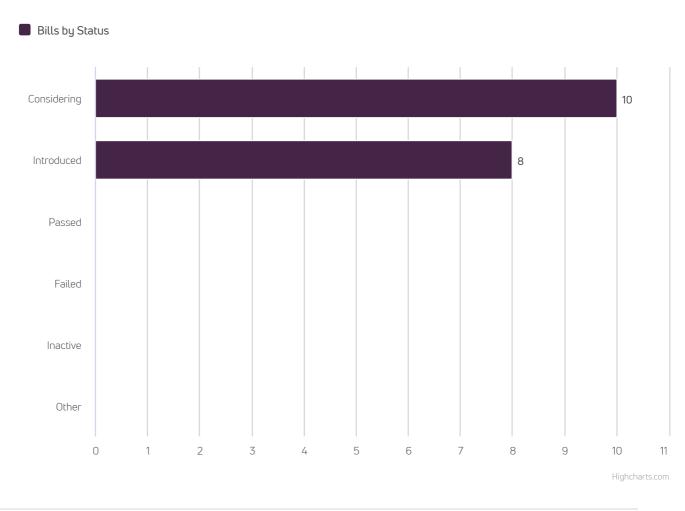
State	Date	Title
Oklahoma	5/7/2025	Oklahoma RBTC to Review 2024 IRC Updates on Storm Shelters, Energy Efficiency, Swimming Pools, and Construction Safeguards
At its May 7, 2025, meeting, the Oklahoma Residential Building Technical Code Review Committee will review and consider proposed changes and rule review forms across multiple chapters of the 2021/2024 International Residential Code (IRC), including Chapters 2 through 11 and Chapter 44. Key topics include updates to storm shelter definitions, townhouse separation requirements, swimming pool safety provisions, construction safeguards, and energy efficiency standards. The committee may take action to approve chapter-specific changes, incorporating them into the 2024 IRC as part of Oklahoma's ongoing code update process.		

Misc.

State	Date	Title
Virginia		<u>Virginia PMG Committee to Review Code Change Proposals Ahead</u> of 2024 Development Cycle
The Virginia Building and Code Officials Association - Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Committee will meet virtually on May 6 from 1:00–2:00 PM EDT to discuss potential plumbing, mechanical, and fuel gas code change proposals for the 2024 Virginia Code Development Cycle.		

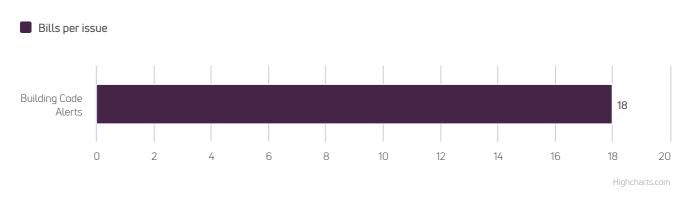
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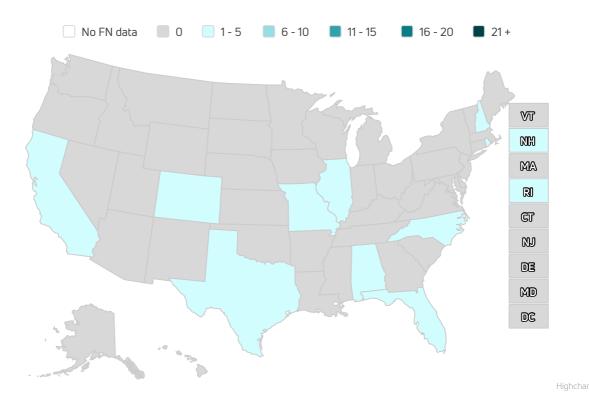


Bills by Status





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RI SB 765

Title: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- State Building Code (Establish A Moratorium On Changes To The State Energy Conservation Code From The 2024 International Energy Conservation Code Until January 1, 2030, Unless Approved By The Legislature And Made Effective By The Governor.)

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: March 14, 2025

Last Action Date: Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (05/06/2025). May 02, 2025 Summary: This bill would establish a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2030, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.

RI SB 631

Title: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- State Building Code (Establishes A Moratorium On Changes To The State Energy Conservation Code From The 2024 International Energy Conservation Code Until January 1, 2030, Unless Approved By The Legislature And Made Effective By The Governor.) **Current Status:** Introduced Introduction Date: March 07, 2025

Last Action Date: Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (05/06/2025). May 02, 2025 Summary: This bill would establish a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2030, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor. Location: US-RI

RI HB 5846

Title: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- State Building Code (Establish A Moratorium On Changes To The State Energy Conservation Code From The 2024 International Energy Conservation Code Until January 1, 2030, Unless Approved By The Legislature And Made Effective By The Governor.) Current Status: Considering Introduction Date: February 28, 2025 Last Action Date: Referred to Senate Commerce. May 02, 2025 Summary: This act would establish a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2030, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor. Location: US-RI

CA SB 655

Title: Residential building standards: indoor temperature. Current Status: Introduced Introduction Date: February 20, 2025 Last Action Date: Set for hearing May 12.. May 02, 2025 Summary: This bill mandates updates to California's energy code by requiring the California Building Standards Commission to adopt passive and active cooling strategies to maintain a maximum indoor temperature of 82°F in new residential buildings by July 1, 2026. It also directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a load calculation methodology for heating and cooling in all climate zones. These updates will be incorporated into the next triennial California Building Standards Code update and reported to the Legislature by January 1, 2027. Location: US-CA

TX HB 871

Title: Relating to the residential and commercial building codes of municipalities. Current Status: Introduced Introduction Date: November 12, 2024 Last Action Date: Reported favorably as substituted. May 02, 2025 **Summary:** This bill adopts the 2021 version of the International Building Code and the International Residential Code. **Location:** US-TX

NC HB 768

Title: Clarify Emerg. Comm. Exemptions/Fire Code. Current Status: Considering Introduction Date: April 03, 2025 Last Action Date: Regular Message Sent To Senate. May 01, 2025 Summary: This bill requires the North Carolina Building Code Council to adopt rules amending the State Building Code and State Fire Prevention Code to clarify exemptions from in-building emergency responder radio coverage requirements. The bill establishes specific exemptions for certain types of buildings, including apartment buildings not exceeding 75 feet in height with fewer than 150 dwelling units, two-story apartment buildings and transient public lodging establishments with direct exterior egress, one-family and two-family dwellings, and buildings with a total gross floor area of less than 12,000 square feet. Location: US-NC

CO HB 25-1273

Title: Residential Building Stair Modernization

Current Status: Considering

Introduction Date: February 19, 2025

Last Action Date: House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Not Concur - Request Conference Committee. May 01, 2025

Summary: This bill requires certain municipalities in Colorado, specifically those with a population of 100,000 or more that are served by an accredited fire protection district or fire department, to modify their building codes by December 1, 2027. The modification will allow multifamily residential buildings of up to five stories to be served by a single exit, provided they meet specific safety conditions. These conditions include the installation of an automatic sprinkler system, limitations on travel distance to the exit, and various fire protection measures. **Location:** US-CO

TX HB 882

Title: Relating to building codes applicable in the unincorporated areas of a county; authorizing a fee.

Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: November 12, 2024

Last Action Date: Left pending in committee. May 01, 2025

Summary: This bill provides that new commercial and residential construction should conform to the International Residential Code and the International Building Code as they exist on January 1, 2025. The commissioners court of a county may: (1) adopt and apply a version of the International Residential Code or the International Building Code published after January 1, 2025, to new construction; or (2) establish standards for new construction that exceed the standards of those codes.

Location: US-TX

FL HB 683

Title: Construction Regulations Current Status: Considering Introduction Date: February 18, 2025 Last Action Date: Ordered enrolled. April 30, 2025

Summary: This bill prohibits local governments from regulating or prohibiting the installation of synthetic turf on private property in certain residential areas and authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt related rules. It also requires local governments to approve or deny contractor price quotes within a specified timeframe, with penalties for failing to do so, and restricts penalties based on the volume of work performed in public works contracts. Additionally, the bill amends regulations on building permits, prohibiting local governments from requiring certain documents for issuance.

FL SB 712

Title: Construction Regulations Current Status: Introduced

Introduction Date: February 13, 2025

Last Action Date: Laid on Table, refer to CS/CS/CS/HB 683 -SJ 862. April 30, 2025 Summary: This bill seeks to limit local government regulations on construction and contracting practices, particularly regarding synthetic turf, change order approvals, and permitting requirements. It prohibits local governments from banning or regulating synthetic turf on singlefamily residential properties of one acre or less and mandates timely approval or denial of contractor price quotes for change orders, with penalties for non-compliance. Additionally, it restricts local enforcement agencies from requiring ancillary documentation beyond standard permit applications, aiming to streamline construction processes and reduce regulatory burdens. Location: US-FL

TX SB 783

Title: Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the construction or alteration of residential or commercial buildings.

Current Status: Considering

Introduction Date: January 15, 2025

Last Action Date: House passage as amended reported. April 30, 2025

Summary: The bill seeks to regulate how frequently and under what conditions governmental entities in Texas can amend or adopt new editions of energy codes and conservation standards for residential and commercial buildings. It mandates the State Energy Conservation Office to conduct cost-effectiveness analyses, including impacts on housing affordability, before implementing changes, and requires a minimum nine-month delay for new standards to take effect.

Location: US-TX

NH SB 95

Title: (New Title) relative to youth recreation camp cabins and the state building and fire codes. Current Status: Considering

Introduction Date: January 22, 2025

Last Action Date: Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment # 2025-1740h 04/24/2025 (Vote 12-0; CC) HC 23 P. 7. April 30, 2025

Summary: This bill establishes specific requirements for summer camp cabins in New Hampshire, amending the state building code to provide clarity and exemptions for these structures. The cabins must be equipped with smoke detectors and handheld fire extinguishers, but sprinkler systems are not mandated.

Location: US-NH

NH SB 94

Title: prohibiting municipal amendments to the state building code. Current Status: Considering Introduction Date: January 22, 2025 Last Action Date: Retained in Committee. April 30, 2025 Summary: This bill prohibits all local legislative bodies from adopting any new regulations that differ from the state building code. Location: US-NH

TX HB 5109

Title: Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the construction or alteration of residential or commercial buildings. Current Status: Introduced Introduction Date: March 13, 2025 Last Action Date: Committee report sent to Calendars. April 29, 2025 **Summary:** This bill amends regulations related to the construction and alteration of residential and commercial buildings in Texas. **Location:** US-TX

MO SB 743

Title: Establishes the "Missouri Building Codes Act" Current Status: Introduced Introduction Date: February 24, 2025 Last Action Date: Hearing Conducted S General Laws Committee. April 29, 2025 Summary: This bill requires the establishment of updated building codes in Missouri, known as the "Missouri Building Codes Act," which will take effect for new state facilities constructed on or after August 28, 2025. The bill repeals the existing section 67.280 and enacts new sections that outline the standards for building construction, inspections, and the creation of a Missouri Building Codes Commission. The new building codes will encompass various aspects of construction, including building, electrical, energy, fire, mechanical, plumbing, and residential codes, and will incorporate model codes from recognized organizations. The Missouri Building Codes Commission will oversee the implementation of these codes, which must be adopted by local authorities by August 28, 2027. Location: US-MO

IL HB 3510

Title: Building-Stretch Codes Current Status: Considering Introduction Date: February 07, 2025 Last Action Date: Assigned to Energy and Public Utilities. April 29, 2025 Summary: This bill establishes the Illinois Stretch Energy Code to enhance energy efficiency standards for buildings in Illinois. Municipalities can adopt the code for more rigorous requirements for residential and commercial buildings, with deadlines for adoption and energy index targets outlined. Collaboration with the Illinois Energy Code Advisory Council ensures stakeholder input. The initiative aims to boost energy efficiency in construction practices across the state.

Location: US-IL

AL HB 161

Title: Building codes; standardization of certain non-residential building codes, provided; practice architecture and duties of local building code officials, further provided Current Status: Considering Introduction Date: February 04, 2025 Last Action Date: County and Municipal Government - County and Municipal Government 1st Substitute. April 29, 2025

Summary: The bill standardizes building codes statewide by placing adoption authority with the Division of Construction Management and expanding the state building code to include all non-residential buildings. It establishes a process for periodic code updates and allows coastal counties and municipalities to adopt supplemental codes for hurricane and erosion protection. Additionally, it clarifies the scope of architectural practice, the duties of local building officials, and introduces criminal penalties for violations.

Location: US-AL

MO HB 939

Title: BUILDING CODES Current Status: Considering Introduction Date: January 16, 2025 Last Action Date: Placed on Informal Calendar. April 29, 2025 Summary: This bill prohibits counties or municipalities from enacting or maintaining ordinances, regulations, or policies that require excessive building design and construction practices for oneor two-family homes, condominiums, or multiunit townhouses. It specifically prohibits mandates for sustainable, high-performance, or energy efficiency standards that exceed the 2009 International Residential Code or International Energy Conservation Code. Any such policy enacted in violation would be considered null and void. Location: US-MO

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