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AN ACT to amend the energy law, in relation to updating the state energy conservation construction code

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 3-101 of the energy law, as  
2 amended by chapter 820 of the laws of 1976, is amended and a new subdi-  
3 vision 2-a is added to read as follows:

4 2. to encourage conservation of energy in the construction and opera-  
5 tion of new commercial, industrial, and residential buildings, and in  
6 the rehabilitation of existing structures, through heating, cooling,  
7 ventilation, lighting, insulation and design techniques and the use of  
8 energy audits and life-cycle costing analysis, AND THROUGH OTHER TECH-  
9 NIQUE REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED BY THE MOST RECENTLY PUBLISHED INTERNA-  
10 TIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE AND THE MOST RECENTLY PUBLISHED  
11 ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA STANDARD 90.1;

12 2-A. TO PROVIDE FOR A STATE ENERGY CODE FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AND  
13 FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH CODE IN A MANNER THAT  
14 ACHIEVES COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH CODE IN AT LEAST NINETY PERCENT OF NEW AND  
15 RENOVATED RESIDENTIAL BUILDING SPACE IN THE STATE SUBJECT TO SUCH CODE;

16 S 2. Section 11-101 of the energy law, as amended by chapter 516 of  
17 the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

18 S 11-101. Purpose. In furtherance of the policy set forth in subdivi-  
19 sion two of section 3-101 of this chapter, the legislature hereby  
20 directs that a state energy conservation construction code be adopted to  
21 protect the health, safety and security of the people of the state and  
22 to assure a continuing supply of energy for future generations and that  
23 such code mandate that [economically] reasonable energy conservation  
24 techniques be used in the design and construction of all public and  
25 private buildings in the state.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 S 3. Subdivision 2 of section 11-103 of the energy law, as amended by  
2 chapter 292 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

3 2. [The] (A) EACH TIME A REVISED OR UPDATED EDITION OF THE INTERNA-  
4 TIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE IS PUBLISHED, THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION  
5 AND BUILDING CODE COUNCIL IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PROMUL-  
6 GATE, WITHIN EIGHTEEN MONTHS, RULES AND REGULATIONS AMENDING THOSE  
7 PORTIONS OF THE CODE THAT APPLY TO RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN SUCH A  
8 MANNER TO CAUSE SUCH PORTIONS OF THE CODE TO BE A BUILDING ENERGY CODE  
9 FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS  
10 SUCH REVISED OR UPDATED EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION  
11 CODE OR ACHIEVES EQUIVALENT OR GREATER ENERGY SAVINGS, OR TO AFFIRMA-  
12 TIVELY REJECT ANY PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION  
13 CODE WHICH, IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING  
14 CODE COUNCIL, IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEW YORK STATE  
15 BUILDING ENERGY CODE AND PROVIDE A REASONED ELABORATION OF THE DECISION  
16 TO REJECT SUCH PROVISIONS.

17 (B) IN ADDITION, THE state fire prevention and building code council  
18 is authorized, from time to time as it deems appropriate and consistent  
19 with the purposes of this article, to review and amend the code through  
20 rules and regulations provided that [the code remains cost effective  
21 with respect to building construction in the state. The code shall be  
22 deemed cost effective if the cost of materials and their installation to  
23 meet its standards would be equal to or less than the present value of  
24 energy savings that could be expected over a ten year period in the  
25 building in which such materials are installed], AFTER SUCH AMENDMENT,  
26 THOSE PORTIONS OF THE CODE THAT APPLY TO RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS CONTINUE  
27 TO MEET OR EXCEED THE THEN MOST RECENTLY PUBLISHED INTERNATIONAL ENERGY  
28 CONSERVATION CODE, OR ACHIEVE EQUIVALENT OR GREATER ENERGY SAVINGS.

29 S 4. The energy law is amended by adding a new section 11-111 to read  
30 as follows:

31 S 11-111. MANDATORY ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATING. 1. ALL NEW RESIDENTIAL  
32 BUILDINGS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO A HOME ENERGY RATING SYSTEM  
33 (HERS) RATING, AS DEFINED BY THE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SERVICES NETWORK  
34 (RESNET), BY A CERTIFIED HERS RATER, OR A RATING GENERATED THROUGH AN  
35 EQUIVALENT RATING SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES MEASURING ACTUAL BUILDING  
36 PERFORMANCE DATA, AS APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND  
37 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

38 2. ALL NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS MUST DEMONSTRATE A TWENTY PERCENT OR  
39 GREATER REDUCTION IN MODELED ENERGY CONSUMPTION AS COMPARED TO A REFER-  
40 ENCE BUILDING OF THE SAME SIZE AND CONFIGURATION INCORPORATING ALL PRES-  
41 CRIPTIVE STANDARDS OF THE NEW YORK STATE BUILDING ENERGY CODE, AS  
42 EVIDENCED BY ACHIEVING A MINIMUM HERS RATING OF EIGHTY-FOUR ON THE  
43 CURRENT EXPANDED HERS SCORING SYSTEM ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
44 OR IF APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
45 AUTHORITY AN INDEX OF EIGHTY OR LESS AS DEFINED IN THE "2006 MORTGAGE  
46 INDUSTRY NATIONAL HOME ENERGY RATING SYSTEMS STANDARDS," PROMULGATED BY  
47 THE RESNET, OR A RATING OR SCORE THAT DEMONSTRATES EQUIVALENT ENERGY  
48 PERFORMANCE AS DETERMINED BY ANY OTHER SUCCESSOR RATING SYSTEM APPROVED  
49 BY THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WHICH  
50 INCLUDES MEASURING ACTUAL BUILDING PERFORMANCE DATA.

51 3. ALL NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS INCLUDING A SINGLE DWELLING UNIT OF  
52 SIX THOUSAND FEET OR GREATER FLOOR AREA MUST DEMONSTRATE A THIRTY-FIVE  
53 PERCENT OR GREATER REDUCTION IN MODELED ENERGY CONSUMPTION AS COMPARED  
54 TO A REFERENCE BUILDING OF THE SAME SIZE AND CONFIGURATION BUILT TO THE  
55 MINIMUM PRESCRIPTIVE STANDARDS OF THE NEW YORK STATE BUILDING ENERGY  
56 CODE, AS EVIDENCED BY ACHIEVING A MINIMUM HERS RATING OR EIGHTY-SEVEN ON

1 THE CURRENT EXPANDED HERS SCORING SYSTEM ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF NEW  
2 YORK, AN INDEX OF SIXTY-FIVE OR LESS AS DEFINED IN THE "2006 MORTGAGE  
3 INDUSTRY NATIONAL HOME ENERGY RATING SYSTEMS STANDARDS," PROMULGATED BY  
4 RESNET, OR A RATING OR SCORE THAT DEMONSTRATES EQUIVALENT ENERGY  
5 PERFORMANCE AS DETERMINED BY ANY OTHER SUCCESSOR RATING SYSTEM APPROVED  
6 BY THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WHICH  
7 INCLUDES MEASURING ACTUAL BUILDING PERFORMANCE DATA.

8 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.