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AN ACT to amend the executive law and the energy law, in relation to requiring the updating of the state uniform fire prevention and building code and the state energy conservation construction code on the basis of update of certain international codes

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 377 of the executive law is renumbered subdivision 3 and a new subdivision 2 is added to read as follows:

2. Each time a revised or updated edition of the International Building Code, the International Fire Code, the International Residential Code, the International Plumbing Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Fuel Gas Code, the International Existing Building Code, the International Property Maintenance Code or the National Electrical Code is published, the council shall, eighteen months after publication of a revised or updated edition, cause the uniform fire prevention and building code to be updated to reflect changes in any such revised or updated edition. To the extent that the uniform fire prevention and building code has not been updated to reflect changes in any such revised or updated edition as of the effective date of this subdivision, the council shall, as soon as practicable and no later than eighteen months after the effective date of this subdivision, cause the uniform fire prevention and building code to be updated to reflect such changes.

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

§ 11-101. Purpose. In furtherance of the [~~policy~~] policies set forth in subdivision two of section 3-101 of this chapter and in chapter one hundred six of the laws of two thousand nineteen enacting the New York

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

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1 state climate leadership and community protection act, the legislature
2 hereby directs that a state energy conservation construction code be
3 adopted to protect the health, safety and security of the people of the
4 state and to assure a continuing supply of energy for future generations
5 and that such code mandate that [~~economically~~] reasonable energy conser-
6 vation techniques be used in the design and construction of all public
7 and private buildings in the state.

8 § 3. Subdivision 2 of section 11-103 of the energy law, as amended by
9 chapter 374 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

10 2. (a) The state fire prevention and building code council is author-
11 ized, from time to time as it deems appropriate and consistent with the
12 purposes of this article, to review and amend the code, or adopt a new
13 code, through rules and regulations provided that the code remains cost
14 effective with respect to building construction in the state. In deter-
15 mining whether the code remains cost effective, the code council shall
16 consider (i) whether the life-cycle costs for a building will be recov-
17 ered through savings in energy costs over the design life of the build-
18 ing under a life-cycle cost analysis performed under methodology as
19 established by the New York state energy research and development
20 authority in regulations which may be updated from time to time, and
21 (ii) secondary or societal effects, such as reductions in greenhouse gas
22 emissions, as defined in regulations. Before publication of a notice of
23 proposed rule making establishing the methodology or defining secondary
24 or societal effects, the president of the authority shall conduct public
25 meetings to provide meaningful opportunities for public comment from all
26 segments of the population that would be impacted by the regulations,
27 including persons living in disadvantaged communities as identified by
28 the climate justice working group established under section 75-0111 of
29 the environmental conservation law. For residential buildings, the code
30 shall meet or exceed the then most recently published International
31 Energy Conservation Code, or achieve equivalent or greater energy
32 savings; and for commercial buildings, the code shall meet or exceed the
33 then most recently published [~~ASHRAE~~] ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1,
34 or achieve equivalent or greater energy savings.

35 (b) When adopting the first amended version of the code next following
36 the effective date of [~~the~~] chapter three hundred seventy-four of the
37 laws of two thousand twenty-two [~~that added this paragraph~~] and any
38 subsequent codes, the state fire prevention and building code council
39 shall, as soon as practicable and no later than eighteen months after
40 the publication of each revised or updated edition of the International
41 Energy Conservation Code and the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1, use
42 its best efforts to adopt provisions for residential buildings that
43 achieve energy savings greater than energy savings achieved by the then
44 most recently published International Energy Conservation Code and to
45 adopt provisions for commercial buildings that achieve energy savings
46 greater than energy savings achieved by the then most recently published
47 [~~ASHRAE~~] ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1, both at levels recommended by
48 the New York state energy research and development authority, provided
49 that the state fire prevention and building code council determines that
50 such advanced energy savings can be achieved while still meeting the
51 cost effectiveness considerations contemplated by this subdivision.

52 (c) The state fire prevention and building code council shall, as soon
53 as practicable and no later than eighteen months after the publication
54 of each revised or updated edition of the International Energy Conserva-
55 tion Code and the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1, cause the state ener-
56 gy conservation construction code to be updated to reflect changes in

1 any such revised or updated edition. To the extent that the state ener-
2 gy conservation construction code has not been updated to reflect chang-
3 es in any such revised or updated edition as of the effective date of
4 this paragraph, the council shall, as soon as practicable and no later
5 than eighteen months after the effective date of this paragraph, cause
6 the state energy conservation construction code to be updated to reflect
7 such changes.

8 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.