§ 373. Required immediate applicability of existing state codes. 1. The state building construction code provided for in article eighteen of this chapter, as added by chapter eight hundred of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty-one and the state building conservation and fire prevention code provided for in article eighteen-A of this chapter shall be applicable from and after the first day of March, nineteen hundred eighty-two in every local government that does not on such date have in effect a building or fire protection code. Said state building construction code and state building conservation and fire prevention code shall also be applicable in every local government that on the first day of March, nineteen hundred eighty-two has a building or fire prevention code in effect but which prior to the first day of January, nineteen hundred eighty-four, repeals such code, provided, however, that in the case of any such repeal, the state building construction code and the state building conservation and fire prevention code shall apply within such local government from and after the date of such repeal.

2. The secretary shall, within thirty days after the effective date of this article, notify the elective or appointive chief executive officer or, if there be none, the chairman of the legislative body of each local government and county of the provisions of this section.

3. The secretary shall, within ninety days after the effective date of this article, promulgate regulations establishing minimum standards for administration and enforcement of the state building construction code and the state building conservation and fire prevention code by local governments to which this section applies.

4. Within sixty days after the effective date of the regulations required by subdivision three of this section the elective or appointive chief executive officer of each local government to which this section applies shall report in writing to the executive or appointive chief executive officer or, if there be none, the chairman of the county legislative body of the county in which the local government is situated, the measures it has taken or contemplates taking for administration and enforcement of the state building construction code and the state building conservation and fire prevention code.

5. Within one hundred twenty days after the effective date of the regulations required by subdivision three of this section the elective or appointive chief executive officer or, if there be none, the chairman of the county legislative body shall forward to the secretary the reports of the local governments required by subdivision four of this section together with a report of the measures such county or local government has taken or contemplates taking for administration and enforcement of the state building construction code and the state building conservation and fire prevention code.

6. On and after the first day of March, nineteen hundred eighty-two, the provisions of subdivisions three, four and five of section three hundred eighty-one of this article shall immediately apply to the administration and enforcement of the state building construction code and the state building conservation and fire prevention code by every local government in which such codes have been made applicable pursuant to this section.