**§ 373-a. Code comparison study and report.** 1. Examination and study of the New York state uniform fire prevention and building code. a. The secretary, through the department of state's code division, shall perform, oversee, and/or commission a study comparing the New York state uniform fire prevention and building code to the national building and fire codes presently in force and promulgated by Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc (BOCA).

b. The secretary, through the department of state's code division, shall further perform, oversee and/or commission a study comparing the present New York state energy, plumbing, and mechanical codes to the energy, plumbing and mechanical code presently in force and promulgated by Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc (BOCA). The secretary, through the department of state's code division shall also perform, oversee and/or commission a study comparing the present New York state plumbing code to the international plumbing code and the uniform plumbing code.

c. The secretary, through the department of state's code division, shall also perform, oversee and/or commission a study comparing the present provisions of the state, uniform fire prevention and building code relating to fire safety to the provisions of the fire prevention code presently in force and promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA1).

2. Report on the examination and study of the New York state uniform fire prevention and building code. On or before the fifteenth day of November, nineteen hundred ninety-eight, the secretary, through the department of state's code division, shall issue a report on the examinations and studies prescribed by subdivision one of this section, and shall provide a copy of such report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the senate standing committee on housing, construction and community development, the chair of the assembly standing committee on governmental operations and the chair of the assembly standing committee on housing. Such report shall:

a. Make an express line by line comparison between the provisions of:

(i) the present New York state uniform fire prevention and building code and national building and fire codes presently in force and promulgated by Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc (BOCA);

(ii) the present New York state energy, plumbing, mechanical codes and the energy, plumbing and mechanical code presently in force and promulgated by Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc (BOCA);

(iii) the present New York state plumbing code and the international plumbing code;

(iv) the present New York state plumbing code and the uniform plumbing code;

(v) the present provisions of the New York state uniform fire prevention and building code relating to fire safety and the provisions of the fire prevention code presently in force and promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA1); and

b. Report on the similarities of, and differences between each such aforementioned code with respect to:

(i) public safety;

(ii) ease of use and clarity of understanding;

(iii) effectiveness of enforcement;

(iv) ease and effectiveness of administration;

(v) user cost savings;

(vi) compatibility with other state and international codes; and

(vii) potential for promoting economic development.