
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to allowing municipalities and parishes to adopt certain construction standards.

Present law provides that except as provided in present law, the council shall evaluate, adopt, and amend only the latest editions of certain State Uniform Construction Code.

Proposed law adds another exception for proposed law.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing authority of any parish or municipality may, by local ordinance, elect to require that all new residential construction, reconstruction, or residential re-roofing projects involving the replacement of 50% or more of the total roof area meet or exceed the FORTIFIED Home™ standards as established by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety, or IBHS.

Proposed law provides that the authority granted in proposed law is strictly a local option and shall not be construed to require any parish or municipality to adopt standards beyond the State Uniform Construction Code.

Proposed law provides that any local ordinance adopted pursuant to proposed law shall require verification of the applicable FORTIFIED™ designation by an IBHS-certified evaluator prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy or completion.

Proposed law requires that any parish or municipality that adopts such an ordinance shall notify the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council at least 60 days prior to the effective date of the local ordinance.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 40:1730.28.6)