

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

**HB 1186**

**2026 Regular Session**

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**BUILDING CODES:** Provides relative to the Uniform Construction Code and inspector licensing

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Amends the definition of "permit" to provide that a permit authorizes the performance of a specified activity.
3. Provides that the standards referenced in the International Energy Conservation Code apply to the regulation of construction in this state.
4. Provides that licensed contractors and homeowners exempted from the contractor licensing law pursuant to present law may establish agreements with private inspectors to conduct inspections.
5. Requires local jurisdictions to make all public records pertaining to building permits available to registered private inspectors without the need for individual requests for each permit.
6. Provides civil and criminal penalties for engaging in the business of inspecting without an active license, or for publishing false or misleading claims related to a person's license.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for a State Uniform Construction Code to be overseen by a La. Uniform Construction Code Council.

Proposed law repeals present law and creates a successor body, the La. Uniform Construction Code Commission, to adopt and amend the Uniform Construction Code and license inspectors.

Present law provides for which agencies the La. Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information shall make available information upon request.

Proposed law adds the La. Uniform Construction Code Commission to the list of agencies in present law.

Present law provides certain limitations on disciplinary proceedings by occupational boards and commissions, and boards and commissions are exempt from those limitations.

Proposed law adds the La. Uniform Construction Code Commission to the list of exempted commissions.

Proposed law provides for legislative purpose.

Proposed law defines certain terms.

Proposed law creates the La. Uniform Construction Code Commission and provides for how members shall be appointed and their term limits.

Proposed law provides for reimbursement of members for meetings and mileage.

Proposed law provides for removal of commission members and the filling of any vacancy.

Proposed law provides for the powers of the commission to adopt and review the Uniform Construction Code, for licensing of inspectors, to make certain contracts and collect certain fees, to promulgate rules, and to retain outside counsel.

Proposed law provides for the domicile of the commission in Baton Rouge, and the conduct and scheduling of meetings.

Proposed law provides for annual audits of the commission's finances.

Proposed law provides procedures for adopting, reviewing, and amending the building codes in the Uniform Construction Code.

Proposed law provides for legislative oversight.

Proposed law provides for which national codes shall be adopted into the Uniform Construction Code.

Proposed law provides the determination of dates for which applicable codes shall be used to inspect a building.

Proposed law provides for certain powers and duties of the state fire marshal.

Proposed law provides for the enforcement of the code by municipalities and parishes. Further provides that local jurisdictions shall make all public building records in connection with building permits available to licensed inspectors without the need for individual requests.

Proposed law provides for applicable standards for manufactured housing.

Proposed law requires lenders to file copies of the certificate of occupancy in the conveyance records of the parish where a new residential construction occurs.

Proposed law provides for responsibilities of municipalities and parishes in permitting and inspecting buildings.

Proposed law provides a list of certain industries for which facilities connected to those industries are exempt from the Uniform Construction Code.

Proposed law defines "farm structure" and "residential accessory structure" and exempts these structures from the Uniform Construction Code.

Proposed law provides that the codes and ordinances adopted by municipalities or parishes shall not interfere with or restrict utility providers.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall not prohibit the La. Dept. of Health from regulating stored water temperatures in the sanitary code or regulating medical gas and medical vacuum systems.

Proposed law provides for local building officials to seek certain injunctive relief or mandamus to enforce the Uniform Construction Code.

Proposed law provides for agreements between public entities to enforce the provisions of the Uniform Construction Code.

Proposed law provides procedures for the appointment of building officials of local entities.

Proposed law provides for certain conflicts of interest that may bar a person from being licensed as a building official or inspector.

Proposed law provides for the types of licenses and license classifications, certain requirements to apply for and maintain those licenses and classifications, renewal procedures and time frames, and expiration of licenses.

Proposed law provides for penalties for providing false information to the commission in connection with seeking licensure or renewal.

Proposed law provides a public records exemption for certain financial or criminal background information submitted in connection with applications for licensure.

Proposed law provides a schedule of maximum licensing fees.

Proposed law requires licensees to keep information reported to the commission in regards to their license being current.

Proposed law provides for disciplinary measures for licensees for certain prohibited acts.

Proposed law provides for the appeal of disciplinary measures.

Proposed law for commission oversight of building and plans inspections.

Proposed law provides penalties for engaging in inspections or plans examination without a required license.

Proposed law provides for penalties for violations of proposed law, fines, and injunctive relief.

Proposed law provides that any person found to be in violation of proposed law shall be guilty of a misdemeanor offense and shall be fined not more than \$500 for each violation, or imprisoned for three months, or both.

Proposed law provides that any person operating without a license and violates any of the provisions of proposed law, and causes harm to another in excess of \$300, shall be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$5000, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than six months, or both.

Proposed law provides that the commission may retain outside counsel for a contingency fee under certain circumstances.

Proposed law provides for exemptions to the Public Records Law.

Proposed law directs the La. State Law Institute to review all statutes in present law which contain phrases being changed by proposed law and make any necessary changes.

(Amends R.S. 15:587(A)(1)(a), R.S. 37:21(B)(intro. para.), R.S. 42:262(A), and R.S. 44:4(51) and 4.1(24); aAdds R.S. 37:21(B)(12) and (13) and 3727-3750 and R.S. 44:4(65); Repeals R.S. 40:1730.21- 1730.40.2)