

**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Luneau to Engrossed House Bill No. 149 by Representative Frieman

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "768(B)," insert "and R.S. 40:1730.26(3),"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 4, after "effective date;" insert "authority to suspend five-year deadline; to  
5 provide definitions;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 3, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

8 "Section 2. R.S. 40:1730.26(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1730.26. Adoption and promulgation of certain building codes and standards as  
10 State Uniform Construction Code; procedures

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12 The council shall review, adopt, modify, and promulgate the building codes  
13 referenced in R.S. 40:1730.28 and 1730.28.1 of this Part, provided that:

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15 (3)(a) The council shall review, evaluate, and update the State Uniform Construction  
16 Code no later than five years from the date of publication of the appropriate code as provided  
17 for in R.S. 40:1730.28. The council shall submit the updated State Uniform Construction  
18 Code to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce,  
19 Consumer Protection, and International Affairs for oversight and approval. Additionally,  
20 the council shall provide the members of each house of the legislature a summary of the  
21 major proposed changes to the International Residential Code at the time of submission to  
22 the oversight committees.

23 (b) The council shall have the authority to suspend the five-year deadline as  
24 referenced in Subparagraph (3)(a) of this Paragraph, for a period of up to one year due to  
25 extraordinary circumstances. Only one extension of the suspension for an additional one-  
26 year period may be approved by the council.

27 (c) "Extraordinary circumstances" means a federally declared disaster, a  
28 gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency, a pandemic, or other acts of God.

29 (d) The legislature does hereby find that the Louisiana State Uniform Construction  
30 Code Council was negatively impacted by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and  
31 2020 weather related emergencies, including but not limited to, Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and  
32 Zeta. Therefore, the authority of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council  
33 to adopt the most current editions of the International Building Code, International  
34 Residential Code, International Plumbing Code, International Existing Building Code,  
35 International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, and the National Electric Code,  
36 as provided for in R.S. 40:1730.21 et seq., is suspended until August 1, 2022 at which time  
37 the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council shall begin the administrative rule  
38 promulgation process in accordance R.S. 49:950 et seq. to adopt the 2021 editions of the  
39 International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Plumbing Code,  
40 International Existing Building Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical  
41 Code, and the 2020 edition of the National Electric Code.

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43 Section 3. This Section, Section 2, and Section 4 of this Act shall become effective  
44 upon the signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the

1 time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III,  
2 Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently  
3 approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such  
4 approval."

5 AMENDMENT NO. 4

6 On page 3, line 19, change "Section 2. This" to "Section 4. Section 1 of this"