

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council (R.S. 40:1730.22 et seq.) and the La. State Uniform Construction Code. New law retains existing law.

New law places training and technical assistance in implementing residential and commercial building energy code provisions within the purview of the technology assessment division of the Dept. of Natural Resources, in collaboration with the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council. Further requires the technology assessment division to continue training and technical assistance as funding allows.

New law creates the Energy Code Commission and requires composition of the following voting members:

- (1) The president of the La. Home Builders Association or his designee.
- (2) The president of the Building Officials Association of La., Inc. or his designee.
- (3) The president of AIA La. or his designee.
- (4) The president of the New Orleans ASHRAE Chapter or his designee.
- (5) The president of the Apartment Association of La., Inc. or his designee.
- (6) The president of the Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance or his designee.
- (7) The chairman of the Associated Builders and Contractors of La. or his designee.
- (8) The general president of the Laborers' Intl. Union of North America or his designee.
- (9) The state president of the HVACR Association of La. or his designee.
- (10) The president of the La. Associated General Contractors, Inc. or his designee.
- (11) The chairman of the La. Chemical Association or his designee.
- (12) The president of the La. REALTORS or his designee.
- (13) A designee of Southeast La. Coalition of the Air Conditioning Industry (Coalition) who is a RESNET HERS rater designated by the president of the Coalition.

In addition to the voting members of the commission, new law requires the commission to be composed of the following nonvoting members:

- (1) The secretary of the La. Dept. of Natural Resources or his designee.
- (2) The director of the office of facility planning and control, division of administration, or his designee.
- (3) The chairman of the Technical Committee of the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council or his designee.

New law requires the entities of the commission to submit to the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council the name of each entity's designee by Aug. 1, 2022.

New law requires the commission to adopt the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code. Further requires the commission to terminate upon adoption of the Code.

New law provides that the primary function of the commission is to adopt amendments to the La. State Uniform Construction Code to address energy efficiency requirements for reducing the long-term energy cost burden for building occupants in this state.

New law requires the commission to provide amendments to the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council that have been approved by a majority vote of the total members present and voting. Further requires all amendments to be submitted by Dec. 31, 2022.

New law requires the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council to evaluate, adopt, and amend a list of the latest editions of certain international codes provided for in new law as part of the La. State Uniform Construction Code to become effective on July 1, 2023.

Prior law required provisions of the 2009, Part IV-Energy Conservation edition of the International Residential Code to be included for evaluation and adoption into the La. State Uniform Construction Code. New law deletes prior law.

Prior law required homes to be inspected in accordance with the codes in effect for the locality where the homes will ultimately be sited. New law deletes prior law to require "factory-built" homes to be inspected in accordance with the codes in effect for the locality where the homes will ultimately be sited.

Prior law (R.S. 40:1730.41 et seq.) provided for the "Commercial Building Energy Conservation Code" or the "Energy Code" and outlined the Code's purpose of instituting minimum energy conservation standards for new constructions and all applicable alterations and repairs of commercial buildings within the state.

New law deletes prior law to provide for the "State Building Energy Conservation Code" and changes the title from the "Commercial Building Energy Conservation Code" or the "Energy Code" to the "State Building Energy Conservation Code". Further changes "commercial" buildings to "state-owned and state-funded" buildings throughout the State Building Energy Conservation Code.

Prior law defined "alteration", "ANSI-ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1", "commercial buildings", "EPAct", and "repair". New law deletes prior law.

Prior law exempted certain buildings from application. New law deletes prior law.

Prior law applied to certain historic buildings. New law deletes prior law to specify historic buildings as "state-owned" historic buildings.

Prior law required commercial buildings constructed in La. to comply with the Commercial Building Energy Conservation Code. New law deletes prior law and instead provides that new state buildings constructed in La. must comply with the State Building Energy Conservation Code.

Prior law (R.S. 40:1730.46-1730.48) authorized the office of the state fire marshal, in consultation with the division of administration and the Dept. of Natural Resources, to promulgate amendments and revisions for the Commercial Building Energy Conservation Code. Authorized the office of state fire marshal to collect fees from owners of certain projects and provides for certain training and technical assistance with respect to the Commercial Building Energy Conservation Code

New law repeals prior law.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(e) and (f) and (7), the heading of Part IV-C of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950, 1730.41-1730.45, and 1730.49(D) and (E)(1)(intro. para.) and (a) and (2); Adds R.S. 40:1730.22(F), 1730.28(A)(8), 1730.28.4, and 1730.28.5; Repeals R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(g) and 1730.46-1730.48)