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HOUSE BILL NO. 411

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRICE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

BUILDING CODES: Requires the adoption of the latest version of Part IV-Energy Conservation of the International Residential Code

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(e), relative to the state uniform construction
3 code; to require the adoption of the latest version of Part IV-Energy Conservation of
4 the International Residential Code; to prohibit the adoption of a state amendment that
5 weakens the efficiency of Part IV-Energy Conservation of the International
6 Residential Code; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(e) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §1730.28. Mandatory adoption of certain nationally recognized codes and standards
11 as the state uniform construction code; adoption by reference

12 A. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, the council shall
13 evaluate, adopt, and amend only the latest editions of the following as the state
14 uniform construction code:

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18 (e) Part IV-Energy Conservation of the 2009 or latest edition of the
19 International Residential Code ~~is hereby amended to require that supply and return~~
20 ~~ducts be insulated to a minimum of R-6.~~ shall be adopted and updated as new

editions of the codes are published. No state amendment shall be adopted that weakens the efficiency of Part IV-Energy Conservation below the requirements of the 2009 International Residential Code.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the adoption of the latest version of Part IV-Energy Conservation of the International Residential Code; prohibits the adoption of a state amendment that weakens the efficiency of Part IV-Energy Conservation of the International Residential Code.

Present law requires the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council to evaluate, adopt, and amend only the latest editions of the following as the state uniform construction code:

- (1) International Building Code, not including Parts I-Administrative, Chapter 11-Accessibility, Chapter 27-Electrical, and Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems.
- (2) International Existing Building Code, not including Parts I-Administrative.
- (3) International Residential Code, not including Parts I-Administrative, V-Mechanical, VII-Plumbing, and VIII-Electrical.
- (4) International Mechanical Code.
- (5) The Louisiana State Plumbing Code [Part XIV (Plumbing) of the State Sanitary Code].
- (6) International Fuel Gas Code.
- (7) National Electric Code.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law amends Part IV-Energy Conservation of the latest edition of the International Residential Code to require that supply and return ducts be insulated to a minimum of R-6.

Proposed law repeals present law and requires Part IV-Energy Conservation of the 2009 or latest edition of the International Residential Code to be adopted and updated as new editions of the codes are published.

Proposed law prohibits the adoption of any state amendment that weakens the efficiency of Part IV-Energy Conservation below the requirements of the 2009 International Residential Code.

(Amends R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(e))