

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

COMMERCE. Provides relative to plumbing

DIGEST

Present law provides for authority and duties of the state health officer acting through the office of public health of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

Proposed law makes the state health officer a member of the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council and provides that he shall serve on the council in order to assure safe building plumbing systems.

Present law requires the state health officer to prepare and promulgate rules and regulations within the state's Sanitary Code covering all matters within his jurisdiction.

Proposed law provides that in all cases of conflict between the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to present law and the International Residential Code, Part VII-Plumbing, the International Residential Code, Part VII-Plumbing, shall apply.

Proposed law provides that the building official or his designee shall have the authority to enforce and interpret the plumbing provisions of the state uniform construction code.

Present law provides that the state health officer and the OPH of DHH has the exclusive jurisdiction, control, and authority of a number of matters that relate to plumbing.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that nothing in present law shall grant the state health officer or the OPH of DHH the authority to supercede the authority of municipalities or parishes to enforce the plumbing provisions of the State Uniform Construction Code.

Proposed law provides that the building official or his designee shall have the authority to enforce the plumbing provisions of the State Uniform Construction Code.

Present law provides that the Louisiana Building Code shall consist of a number of designated and described codes and standards, including Part XIV (Plumbing) of the state Sanitary Code as promulgated by the secretary of DHH.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the International Residential Code, Part VII-Plumbing.

Present law provides relative to the membership of the LSUCCC.

Proposed law increases membership on the board from 19 members to 20.

Present law provides for administrative oversight of rules adopted by the LSUCCC.

Proposed law provides that in addition to the Senate and House Commerce committees, the Senate and House Health and Welfare committees shall have oversight over the initial adoption of rules adopted by the LSUCCC.

Proposed law provides that the council shall promulgate any and all rules and regulations to satisfy the requirements of any consent decree or order relative to maintaining or building a public sewage system which is entered in a federal court of competent jurisdiction.

Proposed law provides that the council shall adopt rules relative to back flow prevention and proposed law prohibits the use of plumbing vent systems using air admittance valves.

Proposed law provides that any order or consent decree entered in the lawsuit entitled US v. Sewage and Water Board of New Orleans shall supercede the plumbing provisions of proposed law or any rules adopted pursuant thereto.

Proposed law provides that the building official or his designee shall have the authority to enforce the plumbing provisions of the State Uniform Construction Code.

Present law provides that in cases of conflict between the state Sanitary Code and the International Mechanical Code, the state Sanitary Code shall be used. In cases of conflict between the Life Safety Code and either the La. Building Code, the plumbing part of the state Sanitary Code, the International Building Code, the International Mechanical Code and the National Electric Code, the Life Safety Code shall be used.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides that all plumbing and sanitary references in Part V-Mechanical in the International Residential Code shall be replaced with the applicable provisions of the La. State Plumbing Code, Part XIV, Plumbing, of the state Sanitary Code.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides for effective dates.

(Amends R.S. 40:4(A)(7), 5, 1722(B)(2), 1730.22(A) and (C), 1730.26, and 1730.28(A)(intro.para.), (1), (3)(a), and (5); adds R.S. 40:4(C) and (D), 1730.23(I), 1730.26(3) and (4), 1730.28.1, 1730.28.2, 1730.28.3, and 1730.40.1; repeals R.S. 40:1722(D), and 1730.28(A)(3)(h))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Made technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the reengrossed bill

1. Adds a member to the La. Uniform Construction Code Council.
2. Provides for duties and responsibilities of the state health officer.
3. Provides for residential and commercial plumbing codes.
4. Revises language for administrative oversight.
5. Provides relative to back flow prevention, plumbing vent systems, and the regulation of stored water.
6. Provides for effective dates.