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HOUSE BILL ***1159***

AN ACT relative to updating the state building code.

SPONSORS: Rep. C. McGuire, Merr. 27; Rep. Erf, Hills. 28; Rep. H. Howard, Straf. 4; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill updates the definition of the state building code.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 49:1 State Building Code Definition. Amend RSA 155-A:1, IV to read as follows:

2 IV. "New Hampshire building code" or "state building code" means the adoption by reference of
3 the International Building Code [2021] **2024**, the International Existing Building Code [2021] **2024**, the
4 International Plumbing Code [2021] **2024**, the International Mechanical Code [2021] **2024**, the
5 International Energy Conservation Code 2018, the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code [2021]
6 **2024** and the International Residential Code [2021] **2024**, as published by the International Code Council
7 Inc., and the National Electrical Code 2023, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc.,
8 as reviewed and recommended by the state building code review board, including all amendments
9 reviewed and approved by the board as of [~~April 11~~] **October 10**, 2025, and ratified by the legislature in
10 accordance with RSA 155-A:10, **and any errata issued by the model code organization, or amendments**
11 **informed by such errata, as approved by the board.**

49:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved: May 08, 2026
Effective Date: July 01, 2026