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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT requiring New Hampshire builders to use the 2021 Energy Building codes or a similar code that achieves equivalent or greater energy savings.

SPONSORS: Rep. W. Thomas, Hills. 12; Rep. McGhee, Hills. 35; Rep. Darby, Hills. 11

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill updates the definition of the state building code to include a more recent version of the international energy conservation code or similar code that achieves equivalent or greater energy savings.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT requiring New Hampshire builders to use the 2021 Energy Building codes or a similar code that achieves equivalent or greater energy savings.

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

1 1 Purpose. The purpose of bill is to provide the state of New Hampshire access to federal
2 funding by using a building code equal to or greater than the standards set and provided for by the
3 International Energy Conservation Code 2021, such as funding related to the Inflation Reduction
4 Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Department of Energy funding.

5 2 Definition of State Building Code. Amend RSA 155-A:1, IV to read as follows:

6 IV. "New Hampshire building code" or "state building code" means the adoption by reference
7 of the International Building Code 2021, the International Existing Building Code 2021, the
8 International Plumbing Code 2021, the International Mechanical Code 2021, the International
9 Energy Conservation Code [2018] **2021, or a similar code that achieves an equivalent or**
10 **greater energy savings**, the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code 2021 and the
11 International Residential Code 2021, as published by the International Code Council Inc., and the
12 National Electrical Code 2020, as published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., as
13 reviewed and recommended by the state building code review board, including all amendments
14 reviewed and approved by the board as of May 10, 2024, and ratified by the legislature in accordance
15 with RSA 155-A:10.

16 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.