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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 struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.