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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 755**

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A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to public buildings; to require compliance with
- 2 a building code.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) Any new state building and any remodeling  
2 of a state building, the expected cost of which exceeds fifty  
3 percent of the replacement cost of the building, shall meet or  
4 exceed the requirements of the 1998 International Energy  
5 Conservation Code.

6           (2) Any new lighting, heating, cooling, ventilating, or  
7 water heating equipment or controls in a state-owned building or a  
8 building or space leased by the state and any new building envelope  
9 components installed in a state-owned building or during or in  
10 preparation for a lease to the state shall meet or exceed the  
11 requirements of the 1998 International Energy Conservation Code.

12           (3) If more than fifty percent of a particular system or  
13 component is being replaced or modified in a state-owned building,  
14 the entire system or component shall be made to comply with the  
15 1998 International Energy Conservation Code.

16           (4) The State Building Administrator of the Department of  
17 Administrative Services, in consultation with the State Energy  
18 Office, may specify a more recent edition of the International  
19 Energy Conservation Code, may specify additional energy efficiency  
20 or renewable energy requirements for buildings or space leased to  
21 the state, or may waive specific requirements which are  
22 demonstrated through a life-cycle cost analysis to not be in the  
23 state's best interest.

24           Sec. 2. The International Energy Conservation Code  
25 applies to all new buildings constructed in whole or part with  
26 public funds after January 1, 2000. The State Energy Office shall  
27 review building plans and specifications necessary to determine  
28 whether a building will meet the requirements of this section. The

1 State Energy Office shall provide a copy of its review to the  
2 funding agency. The funding agency shall verify that the building  
3 as constructed meets or exceeds the code. The verification shall  
4 be provided to the State Energy Office. The State Energy Office  
5 shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this  
6 section.