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Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson;
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Committee: Urban Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to buildings; to amend section 71-6403,
- 2 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 71-6406,
- 3 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt updates to building and
- 4 energy codes; and to repeal the original sections.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 71-6403, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2024, is amended to read:

3 71-6403 (1) There is hereby created the state building code. The
4 Legislature hereby adopts by reference:

5 (a) The International Building Code (IBC), chapter 13 of the 2024
6 edition, and all but such chapter of the 2018 edition, except section
7 101.4.3 and chapter 29, published by the International Code Council,
8 except that (i) section 305.2.3 applies to a facility having twelve or
9 fewer children and (ii) section 310.4.1 applies to a care facility for
10 twelve or fewer persons;

11 (b) The International Residential Code (IRC), chapter 11 of the 2024
12 edition, and all but such chapter of the 2018 edition, except section
13 R313 and chapters 25 through 33, published by the International Code
14 Council;

15 (c) The International Existing Building Code, 2018 edition, except
16 section 809, published by the International Code Council; and

17 (d) The Uniform Plumbing Code, 2018 edition, designated by the
18 American National Standards Institute as an American National Standard.

19 (2) The codes adopted by reference in subsection (1) of this section
20 and the minimum standards for radon resistant new construction adopted
21 under section 76-3504 shall constitute the state building code except as
22 amended pursuant to the Building Construction Act or as otherwise
23 authorized by state law.

24 **Sec. 2.** Section 71-6406, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
25 amended to read:

26 71-6406 (1)(a) Any county, city, or village may enact, administer,
27 or enforce a local building or construction code if or as long as such
28 county, city, or village:

29 (i) Adopts the state building code; or

30 (ii) Adopts a building or construction code that conforms generally
31 with the state building code.

1 (b) If a county, city, or village does not adopt a code as
2 authorized under subdivision (a) of this subsection within two years
3 after an update to the state building code, the state building code shall
4 apply in the county, city, or village, except that such code shall not
5 apply to construction on a farm or for farm purposes.

6 (2) A local building or construction code shall be deemed to conform
7 generally with the state building code if it:

8 (a) Adopts a special or differing building standard by amending,
9 modifying, or deleting any portion of the state building code in order to
10 reduce unnecessary costs of construction, increase safety, durability, or
11 efficiency, establish best building or construction practices within the
12 county, city, or village, or address special local conditions within the
13 county, city, or village;

14 (b) Adopts any supplement, new edition, appendix, or component or
15 combination of components of the state building code;

16 (c) Adopts any of the following:

17 (i) Chapter 13 of the 2024 edition of the International Building
18 Code;

19 (ii) ~~(i)~~ Section 305 or 310 of the 2018 edition of the International
20 Building Code without the exceptions described in subdivision (1)(a) of
21 section 71-6403;

22 (iii) ~~(ii)~~ Section 101.4.3 or any portion of chapter 29 of the 2018
23 edition of the International Building Code;

24 (iv) Chapter 11 of the 2024 edition of the International Residential
25 Code;

26 (v) ~~(iii)~~ Section R313 or any portion of chapters 25 through 33 of
27 the 2018 edition of the International Residential Code; or

28 (vi) ~~(iv)~~ Section 809 of the 2018 edition of the International
29 Existing Building Code;

30 (d) Adopts a plumbing code, an electrical code, a fire prevention
31 code, or any other standard code as authorized under section 14-419,

1 15-905, 18-132, or 23-172;

2 (e) Adopts a local energy code as authorized under section 81-1618;
3 or

4 (f) Adopts minimum standards for radon resistant new construction
5 which meet the minimum standards adopted under section 76-3504.

6 (3) A local building or construction code shall not be deemed to
7 conform generally with the state building code if it:

8 (a) Includes a prior edition of any component or combination of
9 components of the state building code; or

10 (b) Does not include minimum standards for radon resistant new
11 construction that meet the minimum standards adopted under section
12 76-3504.

13 (4) A county, city, or village shall notify the Department of Water,
14 Energy, and Environment if it amends or modifies its local building or
15 construction code in such a way as to delete any portion of (a) chapter
16 13 of the 2024 ~~2018~~ edition of the International Building Code or (b)
17 chapter 11 of the 2024 ~~2018~~ edition of the International Residential
18 Code. The notification shall be made within thirty days after the
19 adoption of such amendment or modification.

20 (5) A county, city, or village shall not adopt or enforce a local
21 building or construction code other than as provided by this section.

22 (6) A county, city, or village which adopts or enforces a local
23 building or construction code under this section shall regularly update
24 its code. For purposes of this section, a code shall be deemed to be
25 regularly updated if the most recently enacted state building code or a
26 code that conforms generally with the state building code is adopted by
27 the county, city, or village within two years after an update to the
28 state building code.

29 (7) A county, city, or village may adopt amendments for the proper
30 administration and enforcement of its local building or construction code
31 including organization of enforcement, qualifications of staff members,

1 examination of plans, inspections, appeals, permits, and fees. Any
2 amendment adopted pursuant to this section shall be published separately
3 from the local building or construction code. Any local building or
4 construction code adopted under subdivision (1)(a) of this section or the
5 state building code if applicable under subdivision (1)(b) of this
6 section shall be the legally applicable code regardless of whether the
7 county, city, or village has provided for the administration or
8 enforcement of its local building or construction code under this
9 subsection.

10 (8) A county, city, or village which adopts one or more standard
11 codes as part of its local building or construction code under this
12 section shall keep at least one copy of each adopted code, or portion
13 thereof, for use and examination by the public in the office of the clerk
14 of the county, city, or village prior to the adoption of the code and as
15 long as such code is in effect.

16 (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Building Construction Act,
17 a public building of any political subdivision shall be built in
18 accordance with the applicable local building or construction code. Fees,
19 if any, for services which monitor a builder's application of codes shall
20 be negotiable between the political subdivisions involved, but such fees
21 shall not exceed the actual expenses incurred by the county, city, or
22 village doing the monitoring.

23 **Sec. 3.** Original section 71-6403, Revised Statutes Cumulative
24 Supplement, 2024, and section 71-6406, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025,
25 are repealed.