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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTING,
REVISING AND AMENDING THE STATE BUILDING CODE AND
REQUIRING RELATED TRAINING."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-252 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
5 *1, 2026*):

6 (a) (1) The State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards
7 Committee shall, jointly, with the approval of the Commissioner of
8 Administrative Services and in accordance with the provisions of
9 section 29-252b, adopt and administer a State Building Code based on a
10 nationally recognized model building code for the purpose of regulating
11 the design, construction and use of buildings or structures to be erected
12 and the alteration of buildings or structures already erected and make
13 such amendments thereto as they, from time to time, deem necessary or
14 desirable. Such amendments shall be limited to administrative matters,

15 geotechnical and weather-related portions of said code, amendments to
16 said code necessitated by a provision of the general statutes and any
17 other matter which, based on substantial evidence, necessitates an
18 amendment to said code. The [code] State Building Code shall be
19 revised as deemed necessary to incorporate any subsequent revisions to
20 the nationally recognized model building code not later than [eighteen
21 months] two years following the date of first publication of such
22 subsequent revisions to the nationally recognized model building code,
23 provided no revisions to the State Building Code shall be required after
24 the first publication of revisions to the 2024 nationally recognized model
25 code and prior to the first publication of revisions to the 2030 nationally
26 recognized model code. The purpose of [said] the State Building Code
27 shall also include, but not be limited to, promoting and ensuring that
28 such buildings and structures are designed and constructed in such a
29 manner as to conserve energy and, wherever practicable, facilitate the
30 use of renewable energy resources, including provisions for electric
31 circuits capable of supporting electric vehicle charging in any newly
32 constructed residential garage in any code adopted after July 8, 2013.
33 [Said] The State Building Code includes any code, rule or regulation
34 incorporated therein by reference. As used in this subsection,
35 "geotechnical" means any geological condition, such as soil and
36 subsurface soil condition, which may affect the structural characteristics
37 of a building or structure.

38 (2) In adopting amendments to the State Building Code pursuant to
39 subdivision (1) of this subsection, the State Building Inspector, the
40 Codes and Standards Committee and the Commissioner of
41 Administrative Services shall consider that the housing shortage in the
42 state compromises the safety of residents who cannot afford a safe
43 home, and any such amendments shall encourage production of
44 buildings that include safe housing and can be constructed at a
45 reasonable cost.

46 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 29-291a of the general statutes is
47 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*

48 1, 2026):

49 (a) The State Fire Marshal, in coordination with the advisory
50 committee established under subsection (b) of this section and in
51 accordance with the provisions of section 29-291e, shall adopt and
52 administer a State Fire Prevention Code based on a nationally
53 recognized fire code. The [code] State Fire Prevention Code shall be
54 used to enhance the enforcement capabilities of local fire marshals and
55 for the purposes of prevention of fire and other related emergencies. The
56 [code] State Fire Prevention Code shall be revised as deemed necessary
57 to incorporate any subsequent revisions to the nationally recognized fire
58 code not later than [eighteen months] two years following the date of
59 first publication of such revisions, provided no revisions to the State Fire
60 Prevention Code shall be required after the first publication of the
61 revisions to the 2024 nationally recognized fire code and prior to the first
62 publication of the revisions to the 2030 nationally recognized fire code.
63 The [code] State Fire Prevention Code shall include provisions for oil
64 burners, flammable and combustible liquids, gas equipment and piping,
65 liquefied gas and liquefied natural gas, hazardous chemicals, and
66 processes and activities that occur in all buildings and structures
67 regulated by the code and the areas adjacent to such buildings and
68 structures.

69 Sec. 3. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 29-292 of the general
70 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
71 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

72 (a) (1) The State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards
73 Committee shall adopt and administer a Fire Safety Code and at any
74 time may amend the same in accordance with the provisions of section
75 29-292a. The [code] Fire Safety Code shall be based on nationally
76 recognized model fire and life safety codes and shall be revised as
77 deemed necessary to incorporate advances in technologies and
78 improvements in construction materials and any subsequent revisions
79 to the model fire and life safety codes not later than [eighteen months]
80 two years following the date of first publication of such revisions, unless

81 the State Fire Marshal and the committee certify that a revision is not
82 necessary for such purpose and provided no revisions to the Fire Safety
83 Code shall be required after the first publication of the revisions to the
84 2024 model fire and life safety codes and prior to the first publication of
85 the revisions to the 2030 model fire and life safety codes. The code shall
86 provide for reasonable safety from fire, smoke and panic therefrom, in
87 all buildings, structures and areas adjacent to such buildings and
88 structures, except in private dwellings occupied by one or two families
89 and upon all premises. The code shall require (A) carbon monoxide
90 detection and warning equipment in (i) new residential buildings not
91 exempt under the code and designed to be occupied by one or two
92 families for which a building permit for new occupancy is issued on or
93 after October 1, 2005, and (ii) all public or nonpublic school buildings,
94 and (B) smoke detection and warning equipment in residential
95 buildings designed to be occupied by one or more families.

96 Sec. 4. (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Not later than January 1, 2029, the
97 Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation with the State
98 Building Inspector, Codes and Standards Committee and State Fire
99 Marshal, shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
100 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the speaker of the House of
101 Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority
102 leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate,
103 the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader
104 of the Senate and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
105 having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security. Such
106 report shall include, but need not be limited to, the effects of extending
107 the cycle for revisions to the State Building Code pursuant to section 29-
108 252 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the State Fire
109 Prevention Code pursuant to section 29-291a of the general statutes, as
110 amended by this act, and the Fire Safety Code pursuant to section 29-
111 292 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and any
112 recommendations for amendments to the cycle for revisions to said
113 codes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	29-252(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	29-291a(a)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	29-292(a)(1)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section