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## HOUSE BILL No. 1301

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**Citations Affected:** IC 4-13.6; IC 10-19; IC 20-19; IC 22-12; IC 22-13; IC 22-15; IC 25-4; IC 25-31; IC 36-1; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Fire and building safety issues. Repeals the statute requiring the division of fire and building safety (division) to employ a state building law compliance officer. Creates the office of state building commissioner, who is appointed by the governor to serve: (1) at the pleasure of the governor; and (2) full time. Provides that the state building commissioner has the duties and responsibilities of the state building law compliance officer. Requires the state building commissioner to issue a written interpretation of a building law or fire safety law not later than 10 business days after the date of receiving a request. Provides that a design release may be issued without a plan review if: (1) the application for a design release is complete; and (2) the application for a design release is not selected for a plan review by the division. Establishes deadlines for the division to conduct plan reviews and provide notices. Provides that, with certain exceptions, if the division fails to provide notice or complete plan review within the time required by statute, a design release must be issued without further review. With regard to a plan review that is requested by an applicant, allows the division to: (1) contract with a person or entity to perform the plan review; and (2) charge a fee of not more than \$5,000. Provides that if a plan review reveals one or more state building or fire code violations determined by the division to pose a substantial threat to the public health, safety, or welfare: (1) the division is required to  
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notify: (A) the preparer of the plans; (B) the licensing agency of the preparer for possible disciplinary sanctions; and (C) the project owner or general contractor; and (2) the time limitations for plan review do not apply. Requires the division to maintain a single electronic file regarding each project for which a design release application is filed. Provides that a townhouse is a Class 2 structure (instead of a Class 1 structure) for purposes of the state fire, building, and equipment laws. Provides that a plan review may be limited to the corrections required by the division. Allows for an administrative hearing to be conducted to determine if action is appropriate when the results of a plan review reveal that an engineer or architect knowingly or recklessly submitted plans or specifications that are determined to pose a wanton and willful disregard for the public health, safety, or welfare. Prohibits a political subdivision from adopting an ordinance or other requirement after February 28, 2013, that would require a builder or remodeler to be licensed, certified, permitted, registered, or listed by the political subdivision as a condition to the builder or remodeler constructing or remodeling a residential dwelling. Provides that a political subdivision is not prohibited from licensing, permitting, or registering specific trades or issuing permits and approvals that regulate the use, planning, and development of property. Repeals a noncode provision that prohibits the regulation of builders and remodelers by political subdivisions. (This provision is currently set to expire July 1, 2015.)



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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-13.6-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.160-2006,  
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 3. (a) There is established a certification board.  
4 The following persons shall serve on the certification board:  
5 (1) The director of engineering of the department of natural  
6 resources.  
7 (2) The director.  
8 (3) The **state building law compliance officer commissioner** of  
9 the department of homeland security.  
10 (b) The board shall administer IC 4-13.6-4.  
11 SECTION 2. IC 10-19-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,  
12 SECTION 180, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 3. (a) The state fire marshal  
14 appointed under IC 22-14-2-2 shall do the following:

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- 1 (1) Serve as a deputy executive director to manage the division.  
 2 (2) Administer the division.  
 3 (3) Provide staff to support the fire prevention and building safety  
 4 commission established by IC 22-12-2-1.

5 (b) The state fire marshal may not exercise any powers or perform  
 6 any duties specifically assigned to either of the following:

- 7 (1) The fire prevention and building safety commission.  
 8 (2) ~~The building law compliance officer.~~ **state building**  
 9 **commissioner.**

10 (c) The state fire marshal may delegate the state fire marshal's  
 11 authority to the appropriate division staff.

12 SECTION 3. IC 10-19-7-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 13 2014]. ~~Sec. 4. (a) The division shall employ a building law compliance~~  
 14 ~~officer.~~

15 ~~(b) An individual must be a design professional with not less than~~  
 16 ~~ten (10) years of experience in the building trades industry to be the~~  
 17 ~~building law compliance officer.~~

18 ~~(c) The building law compliance officer shall administer the~~  
 19 ~~building safety laws (as defined in IC 22-12-1-3).~~

20 SECTION 4. IC 20-19-2-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008,  
 21 SECTION 451, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 12. (a) The state board shall, in the  
 23 manner provided by IC 4-22-2, adopt rules setting forth nonbinding  
 24 guidelines for the selection of school sites and the construction,  
 25 alteration, and repair of school buildings, athletic facilities, and other  
 26 categories of facilities related to the operation and administration of  
 27 school corporations. The nonbinding guidelines must include:

- 28 (1) preferred location and building practices for school  
 29 corporations, including standards for enhancing health, student  
 30 safety, accessibility, energy efficiency, operating efficiency, and  
 31 instructional efficacy;  
 32 (2) guidelines concerning minimum acreage, cost per square foot  
 33 or cost per ADM (as defined in IC 20-18-2-2), technology  
 34 infrastructure, building materials, per student square footage, and  
 35 other general space requirements, including space for academics,  
 36 administration and staff support, arts education and auditoriums,  
 37 libraries, cafeterias, athletics and physical education,  
 38 transportation facilities, and maintenance and repair facilities; and  
 39 (3) additional guidelines that the state board considers necessary  
 40 for efficient and cost effective construction of school facilities.

41 ~~The building law compliance officer appointed under IC 10-19-7-4,~~  
 42 **office of the state building commissioner, the office of management**



1 and budget, and the department of local government finance shall, upon  
 2 request of the board, provide technical assistance as necessary for the  
 3 development of the guidelines.

4 (b) The state board shall annually compile, in a document capable  
 5 of easy revision, the:

6 (1) guidelines described in subsection (a); and

7 (2) rules of the:

8 (A) fire prevention and building safety commission; and

9 (B) state department of health;

10 that govern site selection and the construction, alteration, and repair of  
 11 school buildings.

12 (c) A school corporation shall consider the guidelines adopted under  
 13 subsection (a) when developing plans and specifications for a facility  
 14 described in subsection (a). Before submitting completed written plans  
 15 and specifications for the selection of a school building site or the  
 16 construction or alteration of a school building to the division of fire and  
 17 building safety for issuance of a design release under IC 22-15-3, a  
 18 school corporation shall do the following:

19 (1) Submit the proposed plans and specifications to the  
 20 department. Within thirty (30) days after the department receives  
 21 the plans and specifications, the department shall:

22 (A) review the plans and specifications to determine whether  
 23 they comply with the guidelines adopted under subsection (a);  
 24 and

25 (B) provide written recommendations concerning the plans  
 26 and specifications to the school corporation, which must  
 27 include findings as to any material differences between the  
 28 plans and specifications and the guidelines adopted under  
 29 subsection (a).

30 (2) After the earlier of:

31 (A) receipt of the recommendations provided under  
 32 subdivision (1)(B); or

33 (B) the date that is thirty (30) days after the date the  
 34 department received the plans and specifications under  
 35 subdivision (1)(A);

36 issue a public document that describes the recommendations, if  
 37 any, and any material differences between the plans and  
 38 specifications prepared by the school corporation and the  
 39 guidelines adopted under subsection (a), as determined under the  
 40 guidelines adopted by the state board.

41 (3) After publishing a notice of the public hearing under IC 5-3-1,  
 42 conduct a public hearing to receive public comment concerning



1 the school corporation's plans and specifications.  
 2 After the public hearing and without conducting another public hearing  
 3 under this subsection, the governing body may revise the plans and  
 4 specifications or submit the plans and specifications to the division of  
 5 fire and building safety without making changes. The school  
 6 corporation shall revise the public document described in subdivision  
 7 (2) to identify any changes in the plans and specifications after the  
 8 public document's initial preparation.

9 SECTION 5. IC 22-12-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.72-2008,  
 10 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 11 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. (a) "Class 2 structure" means any part of the  
 12 following:

13 (1) A **townhouse** or a building or structure that is intended to  
 14 contain or contains only one (1) dwelling unit or two (2) dwelling  
 15 units unless any part of the building or structure is regularly used  
 16 as a Class 1 structure.

17 (2) An outbuilding for a structure described in subdivision (1),  
 18 such as a garage, barn, or family swimming pool, including an  
 19 above ground swimming pool, unless any part of the outbuilding  
 20 is regularly used as a Class 1 structure.

21 (b) Subsection (a) does not include a vehicular bridge.

22 (c) **For purposes of subsection (a)(1), "townhouse" means a**  
 23 **single-family dwelling unit constructed in a group of three (3) or**  
 24 **more attached units in which each unit extends from foundation to**  
 25 **roof and with open space on at least two (2) sides.**

26 SECTION 6. IC 22-12-6-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. (a) The commission  
 28 may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 setting a fee schedule for the  
 29 following:

30 (1) Fireworks display permits issued under IC 22-11-14-2.

31 (2) Explosives magazine permits issued under IC 35-47.5-4.

32 (3) Design releases issued under IC 22-15-3 **and IC 22-15-3.2.**

33 (4) Certification of industrialized building systems and mobile  
 34 structures under IC 22-15-4.

35 (5) Inspection of regulated amusement devices under IC 22-15-7.

36 (6) Application fees for variance requests under IC 22-13-2-11  
 37 and inspection fees for exemptions under IC 22-13-4-5.

38 (7) Permitting and inspection of regulated lifting devices under  
 39 IC 22-15-5.

40 (8) Permitting and inspection of regulated boiler and pressure  
 41 vessels under IC 22-15-6.

42 (9) Licensing of:



- 1 (A) boiler and pressure vessel inspectors under IC 22-15-6-5;  
 2 and  
 3 (B) an owner or user boiler and pressure vessel inspection  
 4 agency under IC 22-15-6-6.
- 5 (10) Licensing of elevator contractors, elevator inspectors, and  
 6 elevator mechanics under IC 22-15-5-6 through IC 22-15-5-16.
- 7 (b) Fee schedules set under this section must be sufficient to pay all  
 8 of the costs, direct and indirect, that are payable from the fund into  
 9 which the fee must be deposited, after deducting other money deposited  
 10 in the fund. In setting these fee schedules, the commission may  
 11 consider differences in the degree or complexity of the activity being  
 12 performed for each fee.
- 13 (c) The fee schedule set for design releases issued under subsection  
 14 (a)(3) may not be changed more than one (1) time each year. The  
 15 commission may include in this fee schedule a fee for the review of  
 16 plans and specifications and, if a political subdivision does not have a  
 17 program to periodically inspect the construction covered by the design  
 18 release, a fee for inspecting the construction.
- 19 (d) The fee schedule set under subsection (a) for design releases  
 20 may provide that a portion of the fees collected shall be deposited in  
 21 the statewide fire and building safety education fund established under  
 22 section 3 of this chapter.
- 23 SECTION 7. IC 22-13-2-8.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2013,  
 24 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 8.5. (a) The commission shall adopt rules under  
 26 IC 4-22-2 for outdoor event equipment at outdoor performances to  
 27 protect the safety of persons at the outdoor performances. The  
 28 commission may:
- 29 (1) exempt small assemblies of outdoor event equipment, as  
 30 defined by the commission, from some or all fees or other  
 31 requirements that otherwise would apply to outdoor event  
 32 equipment under a rule adopted under this section or another  
 33 building law; or
- 34 (2) establish alternative procedures, fees, or other requirements,  
 35 or any combination, for small assemblies of outdoor event  
 36 equipment, as defined by the commission.
- 37 (b) The commission may adopt temporary rules in the manner  
 38 provided for the adoption of emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to  
 39 carry out subsection (a), including temporary rules concerning a  
 40 schedule of fees for design releases or inspections, or both. A  
 41 temporary rule adopted under this subsection expires on the earliest of  
 42 the following:



1 (1) The date specified in the temporary rule.

2 (2) The date another temporary rule adopted under this subsection  
3 or a rule adopted under IC 4-22-2 supersedes or repeals the  
4 previously adopted temporary rule.

5 (3) January 1, 2016.

6 (c) Subject to this section, a city, town, or county that regulated  
7 outdoor event equipment before March 15, 2012, under an ordinance  
8 adopted before March 15, 2012, may, if the ordinance is in effect on  
9 March 15, 2012, continue to regulate outdoor event equipment under  
10 the ordinance after March 14, 2012, in the same manner that the city,  
11 town, or county applied the ordinance before March 15, 2012.  
12 However, a statewide code of fire safety laws or building laws  
13 governing outdoor event equipment that is adopted by the commission  
14 under this section after March 14, 2012, takes precedence over any part  
15 of a city, town, or county ordinance that is in conflict with the  
16 commission's adopted code. The ordinances to which this section  
17 applies include Chapter 536 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated  
18 City and County Indianapolis/Marion, Indiana Codified through  
19 Ordinance No. 36, 2011, passed August 15, 2011. (Supp. No. 27). A  
20 city, town, or county to which this subsection applies need not be  
21 certified or approved under IC 22-15-3-1 or another law to continue to  
22 regulate outdoor event equipment after March 14, 2012.

23 (d) This subsection applies to cities, towns, and counties described  
24 in subsection (c) and any other city, town, or county that, after March  
25 14, 2012, adopts an ordinance governing outdoor event equipment that  
26 is approved by the commission or ~~a the state building law compliance~~  
27 ~~officer.~~ **commissioner.** The city, town, or county shall require  
28 compliance with:

29 (1) the rules adopted under this section;

30 (2) orders issued under IC 22-13-2-11 that grant a variance to the  
31 rules adopted under this section;

32 (3) orders issued under IC 22-12-7 that apply the rules adopted  
33 under this section; and

34 (4) a written interpretation of the rules adopted under this section  
35 binding on the unit under IC 22-13-5-3 or IC 22-13-5-4;

36 on both private and public property located within the boundaries of  
37 the city, town, or county, including, in the case of a consolidated city,  
38 the state fairgrounds. This subsection does not limit the authority of a  
39 unit (as defined in IC 36-1-2-23) under IC 36-7-2-9 to enforce building  
40 laws and orders and written interpretations related to building laws.

41 SECTION 8. IC 22-13-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,  
42 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE





1 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) Upon the written request of an interested  
 2 person, the ~~state building law compliance officer in the department of~~  
 3 ~~homeland security may~~ **commissioner of the division of fire and**  
 4 **building safety shall** issue a written interpretation of a building law or  
 5 a fire safety law **not later than ten (10) business days after the date**  
 6 **of receiving a request.** An interpretation issued by the ~~state building~~  
 7 ~~law compliance officer in the department of homeland security~~  
 8 **commissioner** must be consistent with building laws and fire safety  
 9 laws enacted by the general assembly or adopted by the commission.

10 (b) The ~~state building law compliance officer in the department of~~  
 11 ~~homeland security may~~ **commissioner shall** issue a written  
 12 interpretation of a building law or fire safety law under subsection (a)  
 13 whether or not the county or municipality has taken any action to  
 14 enforce the building law or fire safety law.

15 SECTION 9. IC 22-13-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,  
 16 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 17 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 4. (a) A written interpretation of a building law or  
 18 fire safety law binds all counties and municipalities if the ~~state~~  
 19 ~~building law compliance officer in the department of homeland security~~  
 20 **commissioner** publishes the written interpretation of the building law  
 21 or fire safety law in the Indiana Register under IC 4-22-7-7(b). For  
 22 purposes of IC 4-22-7-7, a written interpretation of a building law or  
 23 fire safety law published by the ~~state building law compliance officer~~  
 24 ~~in the department of homeland security commissioner~~ is considered  
 25 adopted by an agency.

26 (b) A written interpretation of a building law or fire safety law  
 27 published under subsection (a) binds all counties and municipalities  
 28 until the earlier of the following:

29 (1) The general assembly enacts a statute that substantively  
 30 changes the building law or fire safety law interpreted or voids the  
 31 written interpretation.

32 (2) The commission adopts a rule under IC 4-22-2 to state a  
 33 different interpretation of the building law or fire safety law.

34 (3) The written interpretation is found to be an erroneous  
 35 interpretation of the building law or fire safety law in a judicial  
 36 proceeding.

37 (4) The ~~state building law compliance officer in the department~~  
 38 ~~of homeland security commissioner~~ publishes a different written  
 39 interpretation of the building law or fire safety law.

40 (c) **The department or the state building commissioner may**  
 41 **create an electronic data base for the purpose of cataloging all**  
 42 **available variance rulings by the commission for the purpose of**



1 **making the information available to the public on the Internet web**  
 2 **site of the department or the office of the state building**  
 3 **commissioner.**

4 SECTION 10. IC 22-15-2-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 5 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 5.5. (a) The governor shall**  
 7 **appoint a state building commissioner. The state building**  
 8 **commissioner shall serve:**

9 **(1) at the pleasure of the governor; and**

10 **(2) as a full-time employee of the office.**

11 **(b) The state building commissioner must be a registered or**  
 12 **licensed design professional under IC 25-4 or IC 25-31, as**  
 13 **appropriate, with at least ten (10) years of experience in the**  
 14 **building trades industry.**

15 SECTION 11. IC 22-15-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,  
 16 SECTION 384, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 6. (a) To carry out the division's**  
 18 **responsibilities, the division or an employee or another agent of the**  
 19 **division may:**

20 **(1) exercise any program of supervision that is approved by the**  
 21 **commission, if the responsibility involves the administration or**  
 22 **enforcement of a building law;**

23 **(2) enter and inspect any property, at a reasonable hour;**

24 **(3) issue and enforce administrative orders under IC 22-12-7 and**  
 25 **apply for judicial orders under IC 22-12-7-13; and**

26 **(4) cooperate with law enforcement officers and political**  
 27 **subdivisions that have jurisdiction over a matter.**

28 **(b) To carry out the ~~state building law compliance officer's~~**  
 29 **~~commissioner's~~ responsibilities, the ~~state building law compliance~~**  
 30 **~~officer~~ ~~commissioner~~ ~~may~~ ~~shall~~ issue a written interpretation of any**  
 31 **building law under IC 22-13-5.**

32 SECTION 12. IC 22-15-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,  
 33 SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 34 JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 1. (a) The ~~state building law compliance officer~~**  
 35 **~~employed under IC 10-19-7-4~~ ~~commissioner~~ shall issue a design**  
 36 **release for:**

37 **(1) the construction of a Class 1 structure to an applicant who**  
 38 **qualifies under section 2 or 3 of this chapter; and**

39 **(2) the fabrication of an industrial building system or mobile**  
 40 **structure under section 4 of this chapter.**

41 **(b) ~~The building law compliance officer may issue design release~~**  
 42 **~~based on~~ A plan review ~~may not be~~ performed by a city, town, or**



- 1 county. if:
- 2 (1) the building law compliance officer has certified that the city,
- 3 town, or county is competent; and
- 4 (2) the city, town, or county has adopted the rules of the
- 5 commission under IC 22-13-2-3.
- 6 (c) For the purposes of subsection (c)(1), competency must be
- 7 established by a test approved by the commission and administered by
- 8 the division of education and information.
- 9 (d) (c) A design release issued under this chapter expires on the date
- 10 specified in the rules adopted by the commission.
- 11 SECTION 13. IC 22-15-3-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,
- 12 SECTION 388, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. (a) Pending the completion of the
- 14 review of an application, the division may issue:
- 15 (1) a design release for part of the construction proposed in an
- 16 application, if that part of the construction qualifies for release
- 17 under this chapter; or
- 18 (2) a provisional release for any part of the construction proposed
- 19 in an application, under the conditions specified by the division.
- 20 (b) **Issuance of a design release or provisional release under this**
- 21 **section for any part of construction proposed in an application**
- 22 **does not toll or affect the time limitations for completing the review**
- 23 **of the application or providing notice under IC 22-15-3.2.**
- 24 SECTION 14. IC 22-15-3.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 25 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 26 JULY 1, 2014]:
- 27 **Chapter 3.2. Design Releases**
- 28 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "applicant" means a person who**
- 29 **applies for a design release under IC 22-15-3.**
- 30 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "application" means an**
- 31 **application for a design release and any supporting plans and**
- 32 **specifications.**
- 33 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "division" means the division of**
- 34 **fire and building safety.**
- 35 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "professional of record" means:**
- 36 **(1) an architect registered under IC 25-4-1; or**
- 37 **(2) a professional engineer registered under IC 25-31.**
- 38 **Sec. 5. Any notice required under this chapter may be provided:**
- 39 **(1) by mail; or**
- 40 **(2) by electronic mail, if the applicant provides an electronic**
- 41 **mail address.**
- 42 **Sec. 6. An applicant for a design release shall submit an**



1 application meeting the requirements of IC 22-15-3 to the division.

2 Sec. 7. (a) A design release shall be issued to an applicant  
3 without a plan review if:

- 4 (1) the applicant submits a complete application; and  
5 (2) the division does not select the application for a plan  
6 review under this section.

7 (b) The division may select any application for design release to  
8 be subject to a plan review. The division has complete discretion in  
9 the criteria used by the division to select a design release  
10 application for a plan review. A criterion used by the division may  
11 be whether the professional of record has received disciplinary  
12 sanctions under IC 25-1-11-12 within the preceding five (5) years.

13 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision, an applicant may  
14 obtain a plan review from the division upon request and the  
15 division may charge the applicant a fee of not more than five  
16 thousand dollars (\$5,000). The division may contract with a person  
17 or an entity to perform the division's plan review responsibilities  
18 under this subsection.

19 Sec. 8. Upon receiving a complete application for a design  
20 release, the division shall do one (1) of the following:

21 (1) Not later than ten (10) business days after the application  
22 is received, send written notice to the applicant that a design  
23 release will be issued. Not later than the next business day  
24 after the date the notice is sent, the division shall provide the  
25 applicant with:

- 26 (A) a copy of the design release; or  
27 (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary  
28 design release until the applicant receives a copy of the  
29 design release.

30 (2) Not later than ten (10) business days after the application  
31 is received, send written notice that a plan review will be  
32 conducted. However, if the applicant does not receive the  
33 notice within the period specified in this subdivision, the  
34 division shall, not later than the eleventh day after the date a  
35 complete application is received, provide the applicant with:

- 36 (A) a copy of the design release; or  
37 (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary  
38 design release until the applicant receives a copy of the  
39 design release.

40 Sec. 9. If the division sends an applicant notice of a plan review  
41 under section 8(2) of this chapter within the period required, the  
42 division shall do one (1) of the following:



1 (1) Not later than twenty (20) business days after the date that  
2 notice of the plan review is sent, send notice to the applicant  
3 that the plans and specifications have been approved as  
4 submitted. The division shall, not later than the next business  
5 day after the date that notice is sent to the applicant, provide  
6 to the applicant:

- 7 (A) a copy of the design release; or
- 8 (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary  
9 design release until the applicant receives a copy of the  
10 design release.

11 (2) Not later than twenty (20) business days after the date that  
12 notice of the plan review is sent, send notice to the applicant  
13 that a design release will not be issued until the applicant  
14 submits corrections to the plans. However, if the applicant  
15 does not receive notice within the period specified in this  
16 subdivision, the division shall, not later than the twenty-first  
17 business day after the date that notice of a plan review is sent  
18 under section 10 of this chapter, provide the applicant with:

- 19 (A) a copy of the design release; or
- 20 (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary  
21 design release until the applicant receives a copy of the  
22 design release.

23 **Sec. 10. (a) If the division receives corrections to a plan in**  
24 **response to a notice sent under section 9(2) of this chapter, and any**  
25 **time the division receives corrections to a notice under subdivision**  
26 **(2) thereafter, the division shall do one (1) of the following:**

27 (1) Not later than ten (10) business days after receiving the  
28 corrections, send notice to the applicant that the corrected  
29 plans have been approved as submitted. The division shall, not  
30 later than the next business day after the date that notice is  
31 sent to the applicant, provide to the applicant:

- 32 (A) a copy of the design release; or
- 33 (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary  
34 design release until the applicant receives a copy of the  
35 design release.

36 (2) Not later than ten (10) business days after receiving the  
37 corrections, send notice to the applicant that a design release  
38 will not be issued until the applicant submits additional  
39 corrections. However, if the applicant does not receive the  
40 notice within the period specified in this subdivision, the  
41 division shall, not later than the eleventh business day after  
42 the date that the corrections are received by the division,



1 provide the applicant with:

2 (A) a copy of the design release; or

3 (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary  
4 design release until the applicant receives a copy of the  
5 design release.

6 (b) A review under this section is limited to the corrections  
7 required by the division pursuant to notice sent under section 9(2)  
8 of this chapter or subsection (a)(2). All other parts of a project not  
9 directly related to corrections required by the division, including  
10 previously completed corrections that the division has already  
11 accepted, are deemed approved and may not be included in  
12 subsequent notice requests sent under this section. Except for a  
13 project reviewed under IC 22-15-3-6 and subject to the deadlines  
14 set forth in this chapter, the division may delay issuing a design  
15 release until all corrections to a project have been approved by the  
16 division.

17 Sec. 11. (a) This section applies if the results of a plan review  
18 reveal that an engineer licensed under IC 25-31 or architect  
19 registered under IC 25-4 knowingly or recklessly submitted plans  
20 or specifications containing one (1) or more violations of the rules  
21 of the commission that are determined by the division and the  
22 commission to pose a wanton and willful disregard for the public  
23 health, safety, or welfare.

24 (b) The provisions regarding the time limitations for review and  
25 notice under this chapter do not apply, and the division is not  
26 required to issue a design release and confirmation number for  
27 providing notice. The division shall send written notice of its  
28 determination to:

29 (1) the professional of record's licensing or registration  
30 authority under IC 25-4-1 or IC 25-31, as appropriate, for the  
31 purpose of conducting a hearing under IC 4-21.5 to determine  
32 if action under IC 4-21.5-3-8 is appropriate;

33 (2) the professional of record; and

34 (3) the project owner or general contractor on whose behalf  
35 the application was submitted.

36 (c) An applicant that receives notice under subsection (b) may  
37 withdraw the application and submit a new application and plans  
38 to the division that are prepared by a different professional of  
39 record. Withdrawal of an application does not affect any  
40 disciplinary action against the professional of record that prepared  
41 the plans described in subsection (a).

42 Sec. 12. (a) The division shall maintain the following



- 1 **information for every application:**
- 2 **(1) The type of project that is the subject of the application.**
- 3 **(2) The name and profession of the professional of record.**
- 4 **(3) The location of the project.**
- 5 **(4) The date the application was submitted to the division.**
- 6 **(5) Whether the application was selected for plan review.**
- 7 **(6) If the application was selected for plan review, whether the**
- 8 **division requested corrections to the plans and specifications.**
- 9 **(7) If a design release was approved by the division, the date**
- 10 **the approval was given.**
- 11 **(8) Any other significant plan review activity related to an**
- 12 **application.**
- 13 **(b) The division shall maintain the information described in**
- 14 **subsection (a) in a single electronic file in a format that permits**
- 15 **easy comparison of the information for each applicant. The**
- 16 **division shall update the information at least quarterly.**
- 17 SECTION 15. IC 22-15-6-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,
- 18 SECTION 398, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this chapter,
- 20 "inspection agency" means:
- 21 (1) an insurance company inspection agency; or
- 22 (2) an owner or user inspection agency;
- 23 licensed under section 6 of this chapter.
- 24 (b) A boiler and pressure vessel inspector licensed under section 5
- 25 of this chapter and employed by an inspection agency may perform any
- 26 of the following:
- 27 (1) An inspection required by ~~section 3~~ **section 2** of this chapter.
- 28 (2) The issuance of a permit under ~~section 3~~ **section 2** of this
- 29 chapter.
- 30 (3) The issuance of an appropriate order under IC 22-12-7 when
- 31 an equipment law has been violated.
- 32 (c) The authority of an inspector acting under this chapter is limited
- 33 to enforcement related to regulated boilers or pressure vessels insured,
- 34 owned, or operated by the inspection agency employing the inspector.
- 35 (d) Unless an annual report is substituted under subsection (e), an
- 36 inspection agency shall, within thirty (30) days after the completion of
- 37 an inspection, submit to the ~~division office~~ the report required by the
- 38 rules board. In addition to any other information required by the rules
- 39 board, the inspector conducting the inspection shall cite on the report
- 40 any violation of the equipment law applicable to the regulated boiler or
- 41 pressure vessel.
- 42 (e) In the case of boilers or pressure vessels inspected by an owner



1 or user inspection agency, an annual report filed on or before the  
 2 annual date as the rules board may prescribe for each report may be  
 3 substituted. An annual report of an owner or user inspection agency  
 4 must list, by number and abbreviated description necessary for  
 5 identification, each boiler and pressure vessel inspected during the  
 6 covered period, the date of the last inspection of each unit, and for each  
 7 pressure vessel the approximate date for its next inspection under the  
 8 rules of the rules board. Each annual report of an owner or user  
 9 inspection must also contain the certificate of a professional engineer  
 10 registered under IC 25-31 and having supervision over the inspections  
 11 reported, swearing or affirming under penalty of perjury that each  
 12 inspection was conducted in conformity with the equipment laws.

13 (f) An owner or user inspection agency shall pay the fee set under  
 14 IC 22-12-6 with a report under subsection (e).

15 (g) In addition to the reports required by subsections (d) and (e), an  
 16 owner, a user, or an inspection agency shall immediately notify the  
 17 division when an incident occurs to render a boiler or pressure vessel  
 18 inoperative.

19 (h) An inspection agency, an owner, or a user that violates this  
 20 section is subject to a disciplinary action under IC 22-12-7.

21 SECTION 16. IC 25-4-1-33 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 22 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 23 1, 2014]: **Sec. 33. The board shall send written notice to the division  
 24 of fire and building safety established by IC 10-19-7-1 of the  
 25 determination of the board in a disciplinary action against an  
 26 architect under IC 25-1-11. The board shall send the notice not  
 27 later than three (3) business days after the date of the board's  
 28 determination.**

29 SECTION 17. IC 25-31-1-36 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 30 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 36. The board shall send written  
 32 notice to the division of fire and building safety established by  
 33 IC 10-19-7-1 of the determination of the board in a disciplinary  
 34 action against an engineer under IC 25-1-11. The board shall send  
 35 the notice not later than three (3) business days after the date of the  
 36 board's determination.**

37 SECTION 18. IC 36-1-10-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,  
 38 SECTION 552, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 10. (a) A lessor proposing to build,  
 40 acquire, improve, remodel, or expand a structure for lease to a political  
 41 subdivision or agency shall submit plans, specifications, and estimates  
 42 to the leasing agent before executing a lease. The leasing agent shall





1 submit the plans and specifications to the division of fire and building  
 2 safety or the ~~state building law compliance officer, commissioner,~~ and  
 3 other agencies designated by law.

4 (b) A lessor proposing to acquire a transportation project or system  
 5 may enter into a lease without submitting plans, designs, or  
 6 specifications to any political subdivision or agency. However, before  
 7 the execution of the lease, the lessor must submit to the lessee or  
 8 lessees an estimate of the cost and a description of the transportation  
 9 project or system.

10 SECTION 19. IC 36-1-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 11 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ READ AS FOLLOWS  
 12 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

13 **Chapter 22. Regulation of Builders or Remodelers**

14 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "builder" means a person**  
 15 **engaged in constructing new homes.**

16 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "person" means an individual,**  
 17 **firm, limited liability company, corporation, association, or other**  
 18 **legal entity.**

19 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "remodeler" means a person**  
 20 **engaged in altering, repairing, restoring, maintaining, or modifying**  
 21 **an existing residential dwelling.**

22 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "residential dwelling" means a**  
 23 **building or part of a building occupied by or intended for the**  
 24 **occupancy of one (1) or more individuals. The term does not**  
 25 **include a residential dwelling that is owned by the political**  
 26 **subdivision.**

27 **Sec. 5. After February 28, 2013, a political subdivision may not**  
 28 **adopt an ordinance, rule, policy, or other requirement providing**  
 29 **that a builder or remodeler must be licensed, certified, permitted,**  
 30 **registered, or listed by the political subdivision as a condition to the**  
 31 **builder or remodeler:**

- 32 (1) constructing a new residential dwelling; or  
 33 (2) remodeling an existing residential dwelling.

34 **Sec. 6. This chapter does not do any of the following:**

- 35 (1) Void an ordinance, rule, policy, or other requirement of a  
 36 political subdivision adopted before March 1, 2013.  
 37 (2) Prohibit a political subdivision from doing any of the  
 38 following:

- 39 (A) Requiring a person who engages in a specific building  
 40 or construction trade, including an electrician, a plumber,  
 41 a tile layer, a landscaper, or a practitioner of another  
 42 specific trade, to be licensed, permitted, registered, or



1 listed by the political subdivision before engaging in the  
2 specific building or construction trade.

3 **(B) Issuing building permits, septic system permits,**  
4 **certificates of appropriateness, zoning approvals, plat**  
5 **approvals, and other permits and approvals that regulate**  
6 **the use, planning, and development of property.**

7 SECTION 20. P.L.149-2013, SECTION 3, IS REPEALED  
8 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]. SECTION 3: (a) As used in this  
9 SECTION, "builder" means a person engaged in constructing new  
10 homes:

11 (b) As used in this SECTION, "person" means an individual; firm;  
12 limited liability company; corporation; association; or other legal entity:

13 (c) As used in this SECTION, "remodeler" means a person engaged  
14 in altering, repairing, restoring, maintaining, or modifying an existing  
15 residential dwelling:

16 (d) As used in this SECTION, "residential dwelling" means a  
17 building or part of a building occupied by or intended for the  
18 occupancy of one (1) or more individuals. The term does not include  
19 a residential dwelling that is owned by the political subdivision:

20 (e) After February 28, 2013, a political subdivision may not adopt  
21 an ordinance, rule, policy, or other requirement providing that a builder  
22 or remodeler must be licensed, certified, permitted, registered, or listed  
23 by the political subdivision as a condition to the builder or remodeler:

24 (1) constructing a new residential dwelling; or

25 (2) remodeling an existing residential dwelling.

26 (f) This SECTION does not do any of the following:

27 (1) Void an ordinance, rule, policy, or other requirement of a  
28 political subdivision adopted before March 1, 2013.

29 (2) Prohibit a political subdivision from doing any of the  
30 following:

31 (A) Requiring a person who engages in a specific building or  
32 construction trade, including an electrician, a plumber, a tile  
33 layer, a landscaper, or a practitioner of another specific trade,  
34 to be licensed, permitted, registered, or listed by the political  
35 subdivision before engaging in the specific building or  
36 construction trade.

37 **(B) Issuing building permits, septic system permits,**  
38 **certificates of appropriateness, zoning approvals, plat**  
39 **approvals, and other permits and approvals that regulate the**  
40 **use, planning, and development of property.**

41 (g) This SECTION expires July 1, 2015.

42 SECTION 21. An emergency is declared for this act.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill 1301, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 4, between lines 21 and 22, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(c) For purposes of subsection (a)(1), "townhouse" means a single-family dwelling unit constructed in a group of three (3) or more attached units in which each unit extends from foundation to roof and with open space on at least two (2) sides."**

Page 8, line 7, after "a" insert **"registered or licensed"**.

Page 8, line 8, after "professional" insert **"under IC 25-4 or IC 25-31, as appropriate,"**.

Page 9, line 37, delete "may" and insert **"shall"**.

Page 11, line 18, after "10." insert **"(a)"**.

Page 11, after line 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(b) A review under this section is limited to the corrections required by the division pursuant to notice sent under section 9(2) of this chapter or subsection (a)(2). All other parts of a project not directly related to corrections required by the division, including previously completed corrections that the division has already accepted, are deemed approved and may not be included in subsequent notice requests sent under this section. Except for a project reviewed under IC 22-15-3-6 and subject to the deadlines set forth in this chapter, the division may delay issuing a design release until all corrections to a project have been approved by the division."**

Page 12, line 2, delete "the" and insert **"an engineer licensed under IC 25-31 or architect registered under IC 25-4 knowingly or recklessly submitted"**.

Page 12, line 2, delete "contain" and insert **"containing"**.

Page 12, line 3, delete "Indiana building and fire code".

Page 12, line 3, after "violations" insert **"of the rules of the commission"**.

Page 12, line 4, after "division" insert **"and the commission"**.

Page 12, line 4, delete "substantial threat to" and insert **"wanton and willful disregard for"**.

Page 12, line 13, delete "possible disciplinary action;" and insert **"the purpose of conducting a hearing under IC 4-21.5 to determine if action under IC 4-21.5-3-8 is appropriate;"**.

Page 12, line 15, delete "contractor." and insert **"contractor on"**



**whose behalf the application was submitted."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1301 as introduced.)

FRYE R, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 1.

