

HOUSE BILL No. 1301

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-13.6-3-3; IC 10-19-7; IC 20-19-2-12; IC 22-12; IC 22-13; IC 22-15; IC 25-4-1-33; IC 25-31-1-36; IC 36-1; P.L.149-2013, SECTION 3.

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 notify: (A) the preparer of the plans; (B) the licensing agency of the
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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. 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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HOUSE BILL No. 1301

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 (9) Licensing of:

39 (A) boiler and pressure vessel inspectors under IC 22-15-6-5;
 40 and

41 (B) an owner or user boiler and pressure vessel inspection
 42 agency under IC 22-15-6-6.



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



1 (3) January 1, 2016.

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

19 (d) This subsection applies to cities, towns, and counties described
 20 in subsection (c) and any other city, town, or county that, after March
 21 14, 2012, adopts an ordinance governing outdoor event equipment that
 22 is approved by the commission or a ~~the state building law compliance~~
 23 ~~officer:~~ **commissioner**. The city, town, or county shall require
 24 compliance with:

- 25 (1) the rules adopted under this section;
 26 (2) orders issued under IC 22-13-2-11 that grant a variance to the
 27 rules adopted under this section;
 28 (3) orders issued under IC 22-12-7 that apply the rules adopted
 29 under this section; and
 30 (4) a written interpretation of the rules adopted under this section
 31 binding on the unit under IC 22-13-5-3 or IC 22-13-5-4;
 32 on both private and public property located within the boundaries of
 33 the city, town, or county, including, in the case of a consolidated city,
 34 the state fairgrounds. This subsection does not limit the authority of a
 35 unit (as defined in IC 36-1-2-23) under IC 36-7-2-9 to enforce building
 36 laws and orders and written interpretations related to building laws.

37 SECTION 8. IC 22-13-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,
 38 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 39 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) Upon the written request of an interested
 40 person, the ~~state building law compliance officer in the department of~~
 41 ~~homeland security may~~ **commissioner of the division of fire and**
 42 **building safety shall** issue a written interpretation of a building law or



1 a fire safety law **not later than ten (10) business days after the date**
 2 **of receiving a request.** An interpretation issued by the **state** building
 3 **law compliance officer in the department of homeland security**
 4 **commissioner** must be consistent with building laws and fire safety
 5 laws enacted by the general assembly or adopted by the commission.

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

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

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

25 (1) The general assembly enacts a statute that substantively
 26 changes the building law or fire safety law interpreted or voids the
 27 written interpretation.

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

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

33 (4) The **state** building **law compliance officer in the department**
 34 **of homeland security commissioner** publishes a different written
 35 interpretation of the building law or fire safety law.

36 (c) **The department or the state building commissioner may**
 37 **create an electronic data base for the purpose of cataloging all**
 38 **available variance rulings by the commission for the purpose of**
 39 **making the information available to the public on the Internet web**
 40 **site of the department or the office of the state building**
 41 **commissioner.**

42 SECTION 10. IC 22-15-2-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA



1 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 5.5. (a) The governor shall**
 3 **appoint a state building commissioner. The state building**
 4 **commissioner shall serve:**

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

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

7 (b) **The state building commissioner must be a design**
 8 **professional with at least ten (10) years of experience in the**
 9 **building trades industry.**

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

15 (1) exercise any program of supervision that is approved by the
 16 commission, if the responsibility involves the administration or
 17 enforcement of a building law;

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

19 (3) issue and enforce administrative orders under IC 22-12-7 and
 20 apply for judicial orders under IC 22-12-7-13; and

21 (4) cooperate with law enforcement officers and political
 22 subdivisions that have jurisdiction over a matter.

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

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

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

34 (2) the fabrication of an industrial building system or mobile
 35 structure under section 4 of this chapter.

36 (b) ~~The building law compliance officer may issue design release~~
 37 ~~based on a plan review~~ **may not be** performed by a city, town, or
 38 county. ~~if:~~

39 (1) ~~the building law compliance officer has certified that the city,~~
 40 ~~town, or county is competent; and~~

41 (2) ~~the city, town, or county has adopted the rules of the~~
 42 ~~commission under IC 22-13-2-3.~~



1 (c) For the purposes of subsection (c)(1), competency must be
 2 established by a test approved by the commission and administered by
 3 the division of education and information:

4 (d) (c) A design release issued under this chapter expires on the date
 5 specified in the rules adopted by the commission.

6 SECTION 13. IC 22-15-3-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,
 7 SECTION 388, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. (a) Pending the completion of the
 9 review of an application, the division may issue:

10 (1) a design release for part of the construction proposed in a
 11 application, if that part of the construction qualifies for release
 12 under this chapter; or

13 (2) a provisional release for any part of the construction proposed
 14 in an application, under the conditions specified by the division.

15 (b) **Issuance of a design release or provisional release under this**
 16 **section for any part of construction proposed in an application**
 17 **does not toll or affect the time limitations for completing the review**
 18 **of the application or providing notice under IC 22-15-3.2.**

19 SECTION 14. IC 22-15-3.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 20 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2014]:

22 **Chapter 3.2. Design Releases**

23 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "applicant" means a person who**
 24 **applies for a design release under IC 22-15-3.**

25 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "application" means an**
 26 **application for a design release and any supporting plans and**
 27 **specifications.**

28 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "division" means the division of**
 29 **fire and building safety.**

30 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "professional of record" means:**

31 (1) an architect registered under IC 25-4-1; or

32 (2) a professional engineer registered under IC 25-31.

33 **Sec. 5. Any notice required under this chapter may be provided:**

34 (1) by mail; or

35 (2) by electronic mail, if the applicant provides an electronic
 36 mail address.

37 **Sec. 6. An applicant for a design release may submit an**
 38 **application meeting the requirements of IC 22-15-3 to the division.**

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

41 (1) the applicant submits a complete application; and

42 (2) the division does not select the application for a plan



1 review under this section.

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

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

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

16 (1) Not later than ten (10) business days after the application
 17 is received, send written notice to the applicant that a design
 18 release will be issued. Not later than the next business day
 19 after the date the notice is sent, the division shall provide the
 20 applicant with:

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

22 (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary
 23 design release until the applicant receives a copy of the
 24 design release.

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

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

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

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

38 (1) Not later than twenty (20) business days after the date that
 39 notice of the plan review is sent, send notice to the applicant
 40 that the plans and specifications have been approved as
 41 submitted. The division shall, not later than the next business
 42 day after the date that notice is sent to the applicant, provide



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- to the applicant:
 - (A) a copy of the design release; or
 - (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary design release until the applicant receives a copy of the design release.
- (2) Not later than twenty (20) business days after the date that notice of the plan review is sent, send notice to the applicant that a design release will not be issued until the applicant submits corrections to the plans. However, if the applicant does not receive notice within the period specified in this subdivision, the division shall, not later than the twenty-first business day after the date that notice of a plan review is sent under section 10 of this chapter, provide the applicant with:
 - (A) a copy of the design release; or
 - (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary design release until the applicant receives a copy of the design release.

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

- (1) Not later than ten (10) business days after receiving the corrections, send notice to the applicant that the corrected plans have been approved as submitted. The division shall, not later than the next business day after the date that notice is sent to the applicant, provide to the applicant:
 - (A) a copy of the design release; or
 - (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary design release until the applicant receives a copy of the design release.
- (2) Not later than ten (10) business days after receiving the corrections, send notice to the applicant that a design release will not be issued until the applicant submits additional corrections. However, if the applicant does not receive the notice within the period specified in this subdivision, the division shall, not later than the eleventh business day after the date that the corrections are received by the division, provide the applicant with:
 - (A) a copy of the design release; or
 - (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary design release until the applicant receives a copy of the design release.



1 **Sec. 11. (a) This section applies if the results of a plan review**
 2 **reveal that the plans or specifications contain one (1) or more**
 3 **Indiana building and fire code violations that are determined by**
 4 **the division to pose a substantial threat to the public health, safety,**
 5 **or welfare.**

6 **(b) The provisions regarding the time limitations for review and**
 7 **notice under this chapter do not apply, and the division is not**
 8 **required to issue a design release and confirmation number for**
 9 **providing notice. The division shall send written notice of its**
 10 **determination to:**

11 **(1) the professional of record's licensing or registration**
 12 **authority under IC 25-4-1 or IC 25-31, as appropriate, for**
 13 **possible disciplinary action;**

14 **(2) the professional of record; and**

15 **(3) the project owner or general contractor.**

16 **(c) An applicant that receives notice under subsection (b) may**
 17 **withdraw the application and submit a new application and plans**
 18 **to the division that are prepared by a different professional of**
 19 **record. Withdrawal of an application does not affect any**
 20 **disciplinary action against the professional of record that prepared**
 21 **the plans described in subsection (a).**

22 **Sec. 12. (a) The division shall maintain the following**
 23 **information for every application:**

24 **(1) The type of project that is the subject of the application.**

25 **(2) The name and profession of the professional of record.**

26 **(3) The location of the project.**

27 **(4) The date the application was submitted to the division.**

28 **(5) Whether the application was selected for plan review.**

29 **(6) If the application was selected for plan review, whether the**
 30 **division requested corrections to the plans and specifications.**

31 **(7) If a design release was approved by the division, the date**
 32 **the approval was given.**

33 **(8) Any other significant plan review activity related to an**
 34 **application.**

35 **(b) The division shall maintain the information described in**
 36 **subsection (a) in a single electronic file in a format that permits**
 37 **easy comparison of the information for each applicant. The**
 38 **division shall update the information at least quarterly.**

39 SECTION 15. IC 22-15-6-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,
 40 SECTION 398, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 41 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this chapter,
 42 "inspection agency" means:



- 1 (1) an insurance company inspection agency; or
 2 (2) an owner or user inspection agency;
 3 licensed under section 6 of this chapter.
- 4 (b) A boiler and pressure vessel inspector licensed under section 5
 5 of this chapter and employed by an inspection agency may perform any
 6 of the following:
- 7 (1) An inspection required by ~~section 3~~ **section 2** of this chapter.
 8 (2) The issuance of a permit under ~~section 3~~ **section 2** of this
 9 chapter.
 10 (3) The issuance of an appropriate order under IC 22-12-7 when
 11 an equipment law has been violated.
- 12 (c) The authority of an inspector acting under this chapter is limited
 13 to enforcement related to regulated boilers or pressure vessels insured,
 14 owned, or operated by the inspection agency employing the inspector.
- 15 (d) Unless an annual report is substituted under subsection (e), an
 16 inspection agency shall, within thirty (30) days after the completion of
 17 an inspection, submit to the ~~division office~~ the report required by the
 18 rules board. In addition to any other information required by the rules
 19 board, the inspector conducting the inspection shall cite on the report
 20 any violation of the equipment law applicable to the regulated boiler or
 21 pressure vessel.
- 22 (e) In the case of boilers or pressure vessels inspected by an owner
 23 or user inspection agency, an annual report filed on or before the
 24 annual date as the rules board may prescribe for each report may be
 25 substituted. An annual report of an owner or user inspection agency
 26 must list, by number and abbreviated description necessary for
 27 identification, each boiler and pressure vessel inspected during the
 28 covered period, the date of the last inspection of each unit, and for each
 29 pressure vessel the approximate date for its next inspection under the
 30 rules of the rules board. Each annual report of an owner or user
 31 inspection must also contain the certificate of a professional engineer
 32 registered under IC 25-31 and having supervision over the inspections
 33 reported, swearing or affirming under penalty of perjury that each
 34 inspection was conducted in conformity with the equipment laws.
- 35 (f) An owner or user inspection agency shall pay the fee set under
 36 IC 22-12-6 with a report under subsection (e).
- 37 (g) In addition to the reports required by subsections (d) and (e), an
 38 owner, a user, or an inspection agency shall immediately notify the
 39 division when an incident occurs to render a boiler or pressure vessel
 40 inoperative.
- 41 (h) An inspection agency, an owner, or a user that violates this
 42 section is subject to a disciplinary action under IC 22-12-7.



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

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

17 SECTION 18. IC 36-1-10-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,
 18 SECTION 552, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 10. (a) A lessor proposing to build,
 20 acquire, improve, remodel, or expand a structure for lease to a political
 21 subdivision or agency shall submit plans, specifications, and estimates
 22 to the leasing agent before executing a lease. The leasing agent shall
 23 submit the plans and specifications to the division of fire and building
 24 safety or the ~~state building law compliance officer, commissioner,~~ and
 25 other agencies designated by law.**

26 **(b) A lessor proposing to acquire a transportation project or system
 27 may enter into a lease without submitting plans, designs, or
 28 specifications to any political subdivision or agency. However, before
 29 the execution of the lease, the lessor must submit to the lessee or
 30 lessees an estimate of the cost and a description of the transportation
 31 project or system.**

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

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

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

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

41 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "remodeler" means a person
 42 engaged in altering, repairing, restoring, maintaining, or modifying**



1 an existing residential dwelling.

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

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

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

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

- 15 (1) Void an ordinance, rule, policy, or other requirement of a
 16 political subdivision adopted before March 1, 2013.
 17 (2) Prohibit a political subdivision from doing any of the
 18 following:

19 (A) Requiring a person who engages in a specific building
 20 or construction trade, including an electrician, a plumber,
 21 a tile layer, a landscaper, or a practitioner of another
 22 specific trade, to be licensed, permitted, registered, or
 23 listed by the political subdivision before engaging in the
 24 specific building or construction trade.

25 (B) Issuing building permits, septic system permits,
 26 certificates of appropriateness, zoning approvals, plat
 27 approvals, and other permits and approvals that regulate
 28 the use, planning, and development of property.

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

33 (b) As used in this SECTION, "person" means an individual, firm,
 34 limited liability company, corporation, association, or other legal entity.

35 (c) As used in this SECTION, "remodeler" means a person engaged
 36 in altering, repairing, restoring, maintaining, or modifying an existing
 37 residential dwelling.

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

42 (e) After February 28, 2013, a political subdivision may not adopt



1 an ordinance, rule, policy, or other requirement providing that a builder
 2 or remodeler must be licensed, certified, permitted, registered, or listed
 3 by the political subdivision as a condition to the builder or remodeler:

4 (1) constructing a new residential dwelling; or

5 (2) remodeling an existing residential dwelling.

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

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

9 (2) Prohibit a political subdivision from doing any of the
 10 following:

11 (A) Requiring a person who engages in a specific building or
 12 construction trade, including an electrician, a plumber, a tile
 13 layer, a landscaper, or a practitioner of another specific trade,
 14 to be licensed, permitted, registered, or listed by the political
 15 subdivision before engaging in the specific building or
 16 construction trade.

17 (B) Issuing building permits, septic system permits,
 18 certificates of appropriateness, zoning approvals, plat
 19 approvals, and other permits and approvals that regulate the
 20 use, planning, and development of property.

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

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

