

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 659

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO

ENERGY/ALTERNATE: Authorizes the use of solar water heating systems and provides for applicable codes to be used in their installation and maintenance

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1730.39.1, relative to solar water heating systems and applicable codes;  
3 to permit the installation of solar water heating systems; to require that solar water  
4 heating systems adhere to certain codes; to authorize the Louisiana State Uniform  
5 Construction Code Council to adopt rules and regulations; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1730.39.1 is hereby enacted to enacted to read as follows:

9 §1730.39.1. Solar water heating systems; Louisiana State Uniform Construction  
10 Code Council; applicable code

11 A. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, solar water heating  
12 systems shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the standards of the  
13 applicable portions of the National Electric Code, the International Residential Code,  
14 the International Mechanical Code, the International Fire Code, and the Solar  
15 America Board for Codes and Standards.

16 B. The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council shall review  
17 adopt, modify, and promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the  
18 provisions of this Part and the Administrative Code as are necessary to enforce the  
19 provisions of this Section.

1                    C. The provisions of this Section and any rules and regulations adopted  
2                    pursuant thereto shall prevail over any provisions of the Sanitary Code.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that the installation of solar water heating systems shall be governed in accordance with certain codes.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, solar water heating systems shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the standards of the applicable portions of the National Electric Code, the International Residential Code, the International Mechanical Code, the International Fire Code, and the Solar America Board for Codes and Standards.

Proposed law requires the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council shall review adopt, modify, and promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with present law and the Administrative Code as are necessary to enforce the provisions of proposed law .

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto shall prevail over any provisions of the Sanitary Code.

(Adds R.S. 40:1730.39.1)