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1	CONSTRUCTION AND FIRE CODE RELATED
2	AMENDMENTS
3	2010 GENERAL SESSION
4	STATE OF UTAH
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8	LONG TITLE
9	General Description:
10	This bill modifies the Utah Fire Prevention and Safety Act and Utah Uniform Building
11	Standards Act to address the process for adopting and modifying a state construction
12	code or state fire code.
13	Highlighted Provisions:
14	This bill:
15	clarifies the enforcement of the state fire code;
16	 addresses the adoption and amendment process for a state fire code;
17	 addresses local authority to adopt fire code standards;
18	provides for the creation of a joint peer advisory committee;
19	 addresses the adoption and amendment process for a state construction code;
20	 provides for funding of education related to codes being considered; and
21	makes technical and conforming changes.
22	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
23	None
24	Other Special Clauses:
25	This bill takes effect on July 1, 2010.
26	Utah Code Sections Affected:
27	AMENDS:
28	26-15-3, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339
29	53-7-102, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1993, Chapter 234

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	53-7-103 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 301	
	53-7-104 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 329	
	53-7-106 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339	
	53-7-202 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339	
	53-7-204 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339	
	53-7-209 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339	
	53A-20c-102 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382	
	58-55-305 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 228	
	58-56-3 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339	
	58-56-4, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339	
	58-56-5 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339	
	58-56-6 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339	
	58-56-7, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339	
	58-56-9, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 75	
	58-56-9.3 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382	
	58-56-12 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 75	
	58-56-13 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 1990, Chapter 293	
	58-56-14 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 1990, Chapter 293	
	58-56-15 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 75	
	58-56-17.5 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 1997, Chapter 385	
	58-56-20, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapters 50 and 1	129
	58-56-21 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 129	
REF	PEALS:	
	53-7-205 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 25	
Be i	t enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:	
	Section 1. Section 26-15-3 is amended to read:	
	26-15-3. Department to advise regarding the plumbing code.	

58	(1) The department shall advise the Division of Occupational and Professional
59	Licensing and the Uniform Building Code Commission with respect to the <u>adoption of a state</u>
60	construction code [and] under Section 58-56-4, including providing recommendations as to:
61	(a) a specific edition of a plumbing code [adopted] issued by a nationally recognized
62	code authority [to be administered by the Division of Occupational and Professional
63	Licensing,]; and
64	(b) any amendments to [that code as provided for under Section 58-56-5] a nationally
65	recognized code.
66	(2) The department may enforce the plumbing code adopted [by the Division of
67	Occupational and Professional Licensing] under Section 58-56-4. [The provisions of]
68	(3) Section 58-56-9 [do] does not apply to health inspectors acting under this section.
69	Section 2. Section 53-7-102 is amended to read:
70	53-7-102. Definitions.
71	As used in this chapter:
72	(1) "Board" means the Utah Fire Prevention Board created in Section 53-7-203, except
73	as provided in Part 3, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Act.
74	$[\frac{1}{2}]$ "Director" means the state fire marshal appointed in accordance with Section
75	53-7-103.
76	[(2)] (3) "Division" means the State Fire Marshal Division created in Section
77	53-7-103.
78	$\left[\frac{3}{4}\right]$ "Fire officer" means:
79	(a) the state fire marshal;
80	(b) the state fire marshal's deputies or salaried assistants;
81	(c) the fire chief or fire marshal of any county, city, or town fire department;
82	(d) the fire officer of any fire district;
83	(e) the fire officer of any special service district organized for fire protection purposes;
84	and
85	(f) authorized personnel of any of the persons specified in Subsections (4)(a) through

86	(e).
87	(5) "Legislative action" includes legislation that:
88	(a) adopts a state fire code;
89	(b) amends a state fire code; or
90	(c) repeals one or more provisions of a state fire code.
91	(6) "State fire code" means the code adopted under Section 53-7-106.
92	$\left[\frac{4}{2}\right]$ "State fire marshal" means the fire marshal appointed director by the
93	commissioner under Section 53-7-103.
94	Section 3. Section 53-7-103 is amended to read:
95	53-7-103. State Fire Marshal Division Creation State fire marshal
96	Appointment, qualifications, duties, and compensation.
97	(1) There is created within the department the State Fire Marshal Division.
98	(2) (a) The director of the division is the state fire marshal, who shall be appointed by
99	the commissioner upon the recommendation of the Utah Fire Prevention Board created in
100	Section 53-7-203 and with the approval of the governor.
101	(b) The state fire marshal is the executive and administrative head of the division, and
102	shall be qualified by experience and education to:
103	(i) enforce the state fire code;
104	(ii) enforce rules made under this chapter; and
105	(iii) perform the duties prescribed by the commissioner.
106	(3) The state fire marshal acts under the supervision and control of the commissioner
107	and may be removed from [his] the position at the will of the commissioner.
108	(4) The state fire marshal shall:
109	(a) enforce the state fire code rules made under this chapter [as provided] in
110	accordance with Section 53-7-104;
111	(b) complete the duties assigned by the commissioner;
112	(c) examine plans and specifications for school buildings, as required by Section
113	53A-20-104;

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114	(d) approve criteria established by the state superintendent for building insp	ectors;
115	(e) promote and support injury prevention public education programs; and	

(f) perform all other duties provided in this chapter.

- (5) The state fire marshal shall receive compensation as provided by Title 67, Chapter 19, Utah State Personnel Management Act.
- 119 Section 4. Section **53-7-104** is amended to read:

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120 53-7-104. Enforcement of state fire code and rules -- Division of authority and 121 responsibility.

- (1) The authority and responsibility for enforcing the state fire code and rules made under this chapter is divided as provided in this section.
- (2) The fire officers of any city or county shall enforce the state fire code and rules of the state fire marshal in their respective areas.
 - (3) The state fire marshal may enforce the state fire code and rules in:
- (a) areas outside of corporate cities, fire protection districts, and other local districts or special service districts organized for fire protection purposes; [and]
- (b) state-owned property, school district owned property, and privately owned property used for schools located within corporate cities and county fire protection districts, asylums, mental hospitals, hospitals, sanitariums, homes for the aged, residential health-care facilities, children's homes or institutions, or similar institutional type occupancy of any capacity[:]; and
- [(4)] (c) [The state fire marshal may enforce the rules in] corporate cities, counties, fire protection districts, and special service districts organized for fire protection purposes upon receiving a request from the chief fire official or the local governing body.
- 136 Section 5. Section **53-7-106** is amended to read:
- 137 53-7-106. Adoption of state fire code.
- 138 (1) [A] (a) The state fire code is:
- 139 (i) a code promulgated by a nationally recognized code authority [and] that is adopted 140 by the Legislature under [Section 58-56-4 is the state fire code,] this section with any

142	(ii) a code to which cities, counties, fire protection districts, and the state shall adhere
143	in safeguarding life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion.
144	[(2) (a) The legislative body of a political subdivision may make ordinances that are
145	more restrictive in its fire code requirements than the state fire code, in order to meet the
146	public safety needs of the political subdivision.]
147	[(b) The legislative body of a political subdivision shall provide to the Utah Fire
148	Prevention Board one copy of each ordinance enacted under Subsection (2)(a).]
149	[(c) The state fire marshal shall keep an indexed copy of the ordinances.]
150	[(d) Copies of the ordinances are available from the state fire marshal on request.]
151	(b) On and after July 1, 2010, the state fire code is the state fire code in effect on July
152	1, 2010, until in accordance with this section:
153	(i) a new state fire code is adopted; or
154	(ii) one or more provisions of the state fire code are amended or repealed in
155	accordance with this section.
156	(c) A provision of the state fire code may be applicable:
157	(i) to the entire state; or
158	(ii) within a city, county, or fire protection district.
159	(2) (a) The Legislature shall adopt a state fire code by enacting legislation that adopts
160	a nationally recognized fire code with any modifications.
161	(b) Legislation enacted under this Subsection (2) shall state that it takes effect on the
162	July 1 after the day on which the legislation is enacted, unless otherwise stated in the
163	legislation.
164	(c) Subject to Subsection (5), a state fire code adopted by the Legislature is the state
165	fire code until in accordance with this section the Legislature adopts a new state fire code by:
166	(i) adopting a new state fire code in its entirety; or
167	(ii) amending or repealing one or more provisions of the state fire code.
168	(3) (a) The board shall by no later than November 30 of each year recommend to the
169	Business and Labor Interim Committee whether the Legislature should:

170	(i) amend or repeal one or more provisions of the state fire code; or
171	(ii) in a year of a regularly scheduled update of a nationally recognized fire code,
172	adopt with any modifications the nationally recognized fire code.
173	(b) The board may recommend legislative action related to the state fire code:
174	(i) on its own initiative; or
175	(ii) upon the receipt of a request by a city, county, or fire protection district that the
176	board recommend legislative action related to the state fire code.
177	(c) Within 45 days after receipt of a request under Subsection (3)(b), the board shall
178	direct the division to convene an informal hearing concerning the request.
179	(d) The board shall conduct a hearing under this section in accordance with the rules
180	of the board.
181	(e) The board shall decide whether to include in the report required under Subsection
182	(3)(a) whether to recommend the legislative action raised by a request.
183	(f) Within 15 days following the completion of a hearing of the board under this
184	Subsection (3), the board shall direct the division to notify the entity that made the request of
185	the board's decision regarding the request. The division shall provide the notice:
186	(i) in writing; and
187	(ii) in a form prescribed by the board.
188	(4) If the Business and Labor Interim Committee decides to recommend legislative
189	action to the Legislature, the Business and Labor Interim Committee shall prepare legislation
190	for consideration by the Legislature in the next general session that if passed by the Legislature
191	would:
192	(a) adopt a new state fire code in its entirety; or
193	(b) amend or repeal one or more provisions of the state fire code.
194	(5) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), the board may, in accordance with Title 63G,
195	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, amend a state fire code if the board
196	determines that waiting for legislative action in the next general legislative session would:
197	(i) cause an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare; or

198	(ii) place a person in violation of federal or other state law.
199	(b) If the board amends a state fire code in accordance with this Subsection (5), the
200	board shall:
201	(i) publish the state fire code with the amendment; and
202	(ii) notify the Business and Labor Interim Committee of the adoption, including a
203	copy of an analysis by the board identifying specific reasons and justifications for its findings.
204	(c) If not formally adopted by the Legislature at its next annual general session, an
205	amendment to a state fire code adopted under this Subsection (5) is repealed on the July 1
206	immediately following the next annual general session that follows the adoption of the
207	amendment.
208	(6) (a) A legislative body of a political subdivision may enact an ordinance that is
209	more restrictive in its fire code requirements than the state fire code:
210	(i) in order to meet a public safety need of the political subdivision; and
211	(ii) subject to the requirements of this Subsection (6).
212	(b) A legislative body of a political subdivision that enacts an ordinance under this
213	section on or after July 1, 2010 shall:
214	(i) notify the board in writing at least 30 days before the day on which the legislative
215	body enacts the ordinance and include in the notice a statement as to the proposed subject
216	matter of the ordinance; and
217	(ii) after the legislative body enacts the ordinance, report to the board prior to the
218	board making the report required under Subsection (6)(c), including providing the board:
219	(A) a copy of the ordinance enacted under this Subsection (6); and
220	(B) a description of the public safety need that is the basis of enacting the ordinance.
221	(c) The board shall submit to the Business and Labor Interim Committee each year
222	with the recommendations submitted in accordance with Subsection (3):
223	(i) a list of the ordinances enacted under this Subsection (6) during the fiscal year
224	immediately proceeding the report; and
225	(ii) recommendations, if any, for legislative action related to an ordinance enacted

226	under this Subsection (6).
227	(d) (i) The state fire marshal shall keep an indexed copy of an ordinance enacted under
228	this Subsection (6).
229	(ii) The state fire marshal shall make a copy of an ordinance enacted under this
230	Subsection (6) available on request.
231	(e) The board may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
232	Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish procedures for a legislative body of a political
233	subdivision to follow to provide the notice and report required under this Subsection (6).
234	Section 6. Section 53-7-202 is amended to read:
235	53-7-202. Definitions.
236	As used in this part:
237	(1) "Agricultural and wildlife fireworks" means a class C dangerous explosive that:
238	(a) uses sound or light when deployed; and
239	(b) is designated to prevent crop damage or unwanted animals from entering a
240	specified area.
241	[(2) "Board" means the Utah Fire Prevention Board created in Section 53-7-203.]
242	[(3)] (2) "Class A explosive" means a division 1.1 or 1.2 explosive as defined by the
243	[U.S.] <u>United States</u> Department of Transportation in Part 173, Title 49, Code of Federal
244	Regulations.
245	[(4)] (3) "Class B explosive" means a division 1.2 or 1.3G explosive as defined by the
246	[U.S.] <u>United States</u> Department of Transportation in Part 173, Title 49, Code of Federal
247	Regulations.
248	[(5)] (4) "Class C explosive" means a division 1.4G explosive as defined by the [U.S.]
249	<u>United States</u> Department of Transportation in Part 173, Title 49, Code of Federal
250	Regulations.
251	[(6)] (5) (a) "Class C common state approved explosive" means a class C explosive
252	that is:

(i) a cardboard or heavy paper cylindrical tube or cone that:

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254	(A) produces a shower of color and sparks that reach a maximum height of 15 feet;
255	(B) may whistle or pop; and
256	(C) is not designed to explode or leave the ground;
257	(ii) a pyrotechnic wheel device that:
258	(A) may be attached to a post or tree; and
259	(B) contains up to six "driver" units or tubes;
260	(iii) any device that:
261	(A) spins, jumps, or emits popping sounds when placed on the ground;
262	(B) does not exceed a height of 15 feet when discharged; and
263	(C) does not travel laterally more than 10 feet on a smooth surface when discharged;
264	(iv) a morning glory, suzuki, or flitter sparkler; and
265	(v) a single tube day type parachute that does not carry any flare or flame upon
266	descent.
267	(b) "Class C common state approved explosive" does not mean:
268	(i) class C dangerous explosives; or
269	(ii) exempt explosives.
270	[(7)] (6) (a) "Class C dangerous explosive" means a class C explosive that is:
271	(i) a firecracker, cannon cracker, salute, cherry bomb, or other similar explosive;
272	(ii) a skyrocket or any device other than a model rocket that uses combustible or
273	explosive material and rises more than 15 feet when discharged;
274	(iii) a roman candle or other device that discharges balls of fire over 15 feet in height
275	(iv) a tube or cone aerial firework that propels comets, shells, salutes, flash shells, or
276	similar devices more than 15 feet into the air; and
277	(v) a chaser, whistler, or other device that darts or travels more than 10 feet laterally
278	on a smooth surface or exceeds 15 feet in height when discharged.
279	(b) A "class C dangerous explosive" does not mean:
280	(i) class C common state approved explosives; or
281	(ii) exempt explosives.

282	[(8)] (7) "Display fireworks" means an aerial shell, salute, flash shell, comet, sky
283	battle, mine, and any similar class C explosive or class B explosive.
284	$\left[\frac{(9)}{8}\right]$ (a) "Display operator" means the person who purchases and is responsible for
285	setting up and discharging display fireworks.
286	(b) "Display operator" does not mean a fire department.
287	[(10)] (9) "Exempt explosive" means a model rocket, toy pistol cap, emergency signal
288	flare, snake or glow worm, party popper, trick noisemaker, match, and wire sparkler under 12
289	inches in length.
290	[(11)] <u>(10)</u> (a) "Fireworks" means:
291	(i) class C explosives;
292	(ii) class C dangerous explosives; and
293	(iii) class C common state approved explosives.
294	(b) "Fireworks" does not mean:
295	(i) exempt explosives;
296	(ii) class A explosives; and
297	(iii) class B explosives.
298	[(12)] (11) "Importer" means a person who brings class B or class C explosives into
299	Utah for the general purpose of resale within the state or exportation to other states.
300	[(13)] (12) (a) "Pyrotechnic" means any composition or device manufactured or used
301	to produce a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation.
302	(b) "Pyrotechnic" does not mean exempt explosives.
303	[(14)] (13) "Retail seller" means a person who sells class C common state approved
304	explosives to the public during the period authorized under Section 53-7-225.
305	[(15) "State fire code" means a nationally recognized fire code administered by the
306	Utah Fire Prevention Board pursuant to Section 53-7-204.]
307	[(16)] (14) "Trick noisemaker" includes a:
308	(a) tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition that produces a white or
309	colored smoke as its primary effect when ignited; and

337	Council Local administrative duties.
336	53-7-204. Duties of Utah Fire Prevention Board Unified Code Analysis
335	Section 7. Section 53-7-204 is amended to read:
334	use.
333	(b) a person who sells class B explosives or class C dangerous explosives for display
332	(a) a person who sells class C common state approved explosives to a retailer; and
331	[(18)] (16) "Wholesaler" means any of the following:
330	before receiving approval by the [U.S.] <u>United States</u> Department of Transportation.
329	(c) a pyrotechnic device that is being tested by a manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler
328	the [U.S.] <u>United States</u> Department of Transportation; and
327	(b) an approved device that has been altered or redesigned since obtaining approval by
326	tested, approved, and classified by the [U.S.] <u>United States</u> Department of Transportation;
325	(a) a pyrotechnic device that is used, given away, or offered for sale, that has not been
324	[(17)] (15) "Unclassified fireworks" means any of the following:
323	(C) is ignited by a squib.
322	(B) may contain a small quantity of explosive to produce a small explosive noise; and
321	ignited;
320	(A) contains pyrotechnic composition that produces a loud whistle and smoke when
319	(v) "auto burglar alarm," which is a tube that:
318	explosive composition that produces a small report when the cigarette is ignited; and
317	(iv) "cigarette load," which is a small wooden peg coated with a small quantity of
316	explosive or pyrotechnic composition that produces a small shower of sparks when ignited;
315	(iii) "trick match," which is a kitchen or book match coated with a small quantity of
314	explosive composition coated on bits of sand that explodes producing a small report;
313	(ii) "snapper," which is a small paper-wrapped device containing a minute quantity of
312	ignites the friction sensitive composition in the tube when the string is pulled;
311	(i) "booby trap," which is a small tube with a string protruding from both ends that
310	(b) device that produces a small report intended to surprise the user, including a:

338	(1) The board shall:
339	(a) administer the state fire code as the standard in the state;
340	[(a)] (b) subject to the state fire code, make rules in accordance with Title 63G,
341	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act:
342	[(i) administer a nationally recognized fire code and the specific edition of that fire
343	code as the state fire code to be used as the standard;]
344	[(ii)] (i) establishing [minimum] standards for the prevention of fire and for the
345	protection of life and property against fire and panic in any:
346	(A) publicly owned building, including all public and private schools, colleges, and
347	university buildings;
348	(B) building or structure used or intended for use as an asylum, a mental hospital, a
349	hospital, a sanitarium, a home for the aged, an assisted living facility, a children's home or day
350	care center, or any similar institutional type occupancy of any capacity; and
351	(C) place of assemblage where 50 or more persons may gather together in a building,
352	structure, tent, or room for the purpose of amusement, entertainment, instruction, or education
353	[(iii)] (ii) establishing safety and other requirements for placement and discharge of
354	display fireworks [based upon] on the basis of:
355	(A) the [specific edition of the nationally recognized fire code adopted by the
356	Legislature under Section 58-56-4] state fire code; and
357	(B) relevant publications of the National Fire Protection Association;
358	[(iv)] (iii) establishing [minimum] safety standards for retail storage, handling, and
359	sale of class C common state approved explosives;
360	[(v)] (iv) defining methods to establish proof of competence to place and discharge
361	display fireworks;
362	[vi) for deputizing qualified persons to act as deputy fire marshals, and to secure
363	special services in emergencies;
364	[(vii)] <u>(vi)</u> implementing [Sections 53-7-106 and 53-7-205] <u>Section 53-7-106</u> ;
365	[(viii)] (vii) setting guidelines for use of funding;

366	[(ix)] (viii) establishing criteria for training and safety equipment grants for fire
367	departments enrolled in firefighter certification; and
368	[(x)] (ix) establishing [minimum] ongoing training standards for hazardous materials
369	emergency response agencies;
370	[(b)] (c) recommend to the commissioner a state fire marshal;
371	[(e)] (d) develop policies under which the state fire marshal and the state fire
372	marshal's authorized representatives will perform;
373	[(d)] (e) provide for the employment of field assistants and other salaried personnel as
374	required;
375	[(e)] (f) prescribe the duties of the state fire marshal and the state fire marshal's
376	authorized representatives;
377	[(f)] (g) establish a statewide fire prevention, fire education, and fire service training
378	program in cooperation with the Board of Regents;
379	[(g)] (h) establish a statewide fire statistics program for the purpose of gathering fire
380	data from all political subdivisions of the state;
381	[(h)] (i) establish a fire academy in accordance with Section 53-7-204.2;
382	[(i)] (j) coordinate the efforts of all people engaged in fire suppression in the state;
383	$[\frac{(j)}{k}]$ work aggressively with the local political subdivisions to reduce fire losses;
384	[(k)] (1) regulate the sale and servicing of portable fire extinguishers and automatic fire
385	suppression systems in the interest of safeguarding lives and property;
386	[(1)] (m) establish a certification program for persons who inspect and test automatic
387	fire sprinkler systems;
388	[(m)] (n) establish a certification program for persons who inspect and test fire alarm
389	systems;
390	[(n)] (o) establish a certification for persons who provide response services regarding
391	hazardous materials emergencies; [and]
392	[(o)] in accordance with Section [58-56-4, make a] 53-7-106, report to the
393	Business and Labor Interim Committee [by:]: and

394	[(i) no later than November 30 of each year recommending any amendments to the
395	currently adopted fire code; and]
396	[(ii) no later than November 30 in a year of a regularly scheduled update cycle of a
397	nationally promulgated fire code recommending the adoption of, amendment to, or repeal of
398	the updated nationally promulgated fire code.]
399	(q) jointly create the Unified Code Analysis Council with the Uniform Building Code
400	Commission in accordance with Subsection 58-56-5(12).
401	(2) The board may incorporate in its rules by reference, in whole or in part[7]:
402	(a) the state fire code; or
403	(b) subject to the state fire code, a nationally recognized and readily available
404	[standards and codes adopted by the Legislature] standard pertaining to the protection of life
405	and property from fire, explosion, or panic.
406	[(3) (a) The board shall recommend to the Legislature in accordance with Subsection
407	(1)(o) amendments to the state fire code adopted by the Legislature in accordance with Section
408	58-56-7.]
409	[(b) The amendments, as adopted by the Legislature, may be applicable to the entire
410	state or within a city, county, or fire protection district.]
411	[4) (3) The following functions shall be administered locally by a city, county, or fire
412	protection district:
413	(a) issuing permits, including open burning permits pursuant to Sections 11-7-1 and
414	19-2-114;
415	(b) creating a local board of appeals in accordance with the state fire code; and
416	(c) subject to the state fire code and the other provisions of this chapter, establishing,
417	modifying, or deleting fire flow and water supply requirements.
418	Section 8. Section 53-7-209 is amended to read:
419	53-7-209. Inspection of buildings by officials.
420	(1) A fire chief or officer may enter $[any]$ \underline{a} building or premises not used as a private
421	dwelling at any reasonable hour to inspect the building or premises and enforce the rules made

422	under this part[, including] <u>and</u> the state fire code [adopted under Section 58-56-4].
423	(2) The owner, lessee, manager, or operator of [any] <u>a</u> building or premises not used as
424	a private dwelling shall permit inspections under this section.
425	Section 9. Section 53A-20c-102 is amended to read:
426	53A-20c-102. Energy Efficiency Fund Contents Use of fund monies.
427	(1) As used in this section:
428	(a) "Board" means the Board of the Utah Geological Survey.
429	(b) "Energy code" means the energy efficiency code adopted [by the Division of
430	Occupational and Professional Licensing] under Section 58-56-4.
431	(c) "Energy efficiency project" means:
432	(i) for existing buildings, a retrofit to improve energy efficiency; or
433	(ii) for new buildings, an enhancement to improve energy efficiency beyond the
434	minimum required by the energy code.
435	(d) "Fund" means the Energy Efficiency Fund created by this part.
436	(2) There is created a revolving loan fund known as the Energy Efficiency Fund.
437	(3) The fund shall consist of:
438	(a) monies appropriated to it by the Legislature;
439	(b) monies received for the repayment of loans made from the fund;
440	(c) monies made available to the state for energy efficiency from any source; and
441	(d) interest earned on the fund.
442	(4) (a) The board shall make loans from the fund only to school districts to finance
443	energy efficiency projects in school district buildings, including paying the costs of
444	construction, engineering, investigation, inspection, and other related expenses.
445	(b) The board may not:
446	(i) make loans from the fund to finance a school district's compliance with the energy
447	code in the construction of a new building;
448	(ii) make a loan from the fund with a term of less than two years or more than 12
449	years; or

450	(iii) make loans from the fund to any entity other than a school district.
451	(5) (a) (i) Each school district seeking a loan shall submit an application to the board
452	in the form and containing the information that the board requires, which shall include the
453	plans and specifications for the proposed energy efficiency project.
454	(ii) In the application, the school district may request a loan to cover all or part of the
455	cost of an energy efficiency project.
456	(b) If an application is rejected, the board shall notify the applicant stating the reasons
457	for the rejection.
458	(6) (a) By following the procedures and requirements of Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
459	Administrative Rulemaking Act, the board shall make rules establishing criteria for:
460	(i) determining eligibility for loans; and
461	(ii) determining appropriate priorities among projects.
462	(b) In making rules governing determining priorities for eligible projects, the board
463	may consider:
464	(i) possible additional sources of revenue;
465	(ii) the feasibility and practicality of the project;
466	(iii) the energy savings attributable to an eligible energy efficiency project;
467	(iv) the annual energy cost savings attributable to an eligible energy efficiency project;
468	(v) the projected energy cost payback of an eligible energy efficiency project;
469	(vi) the financial need of the public facility owner;
470	(vii) the environmental and other benefits to the state and local community attributable
471	to an eligible energy efficiency project; and
472	(viii) the availability of federal funds for the project.
473	(7) (a) In approving a project, the board shall:
474	(i) review the loan application and the plans and specifications for the project;
475	(ii) determine whether or not to grant the loan by applying its eligibility criteria; and
476	(iii) if the loan is granted, prioritize the project by applying its priority criteria.
477	(b) The board may condition approval of a loan request and the availability of funds

478 on assurances from the school district that the board considers necessary to ensure that: (i) the proceeds of the loan will be used to pay the cost of the project; and 479 480 (ii) the project will be completed. 481 (8) Employees of the state energy program shall serve as staff to the board when it 482 performs the duties established in this section. 483 Section 10. Section **58-55-305** is amended to read: 484 58-55-305. Exemptions from licensure. 485 (1) In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, the following 486 persons may engage in acts or practices included within the practice of construction trades, 487 subject to the stated circumstances and limitations, without being licensed under this chapter: 488 (a) an authorized representative of the United States government or an authorized 489 employee of the state or any of its political subdivisions when working on construction work 490 of the state or the subdivision, and when acting within the terms of the person's trust, office, or 491 employment; 492 (b) a person engaged in construction or operation incidental to the construction and 493 repair of irrigation and drainage ditches of regularly constituted irrigation districts, 494 reclamation districts, and drainage districts or construction and repair relating to farming, 495 dairying, agriculture, livestock or poultry raising, metal and coal mining, quarries, sand and 496 gravel excavations, well drilling, as defined in Section 73-3-25, hauling to and from 497 construction sites, and lumbering;

- (c) public utilities operating under the rules of the Public Service Commission on construction work incidental to their own business;
 - (d) sole owners of property engaged in building:

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(i) no more than one residential structure per year and no more than three residential structures per five years on their property for their own noncommercial, nonpublic use; except, a person other than the property owner or individuals described in Subsection (1)(e), who engages in building the structure must be licensed under this chapter if the person is otherwise required to be licensed under this chapter; or

506	(ii) structures on their property for their own noncommercial, nonpublic use which are
507	incidental to a residential structure on the property, including sheds, carports, or detached
508	garages;
509	(e) (i) a person engaged in construction or renovation of a residential building for
510	noncommercial, nonpublic use if that person:
511	(A) works without compensation other than token compensation that is not considered
512	salary or wages; and
513	(B) works under the direction of the property owner who engages in building the
514	structure; and
515	(ii) as used in this Subsection (1)(e), "token compensation" means compensation paid
516	by a sole owner of property exempted from licensure under Subsection (1)(d) to a person
517	exempted from licensure under this Subsection (1)(e), that is:
518	(A) minimal in value when compared with the fair market value of the services
519	provided by the person;
520	(B) not related to the fair market value of the services provided by the person; and
521	(C) is incidental to the providing of services by the person including paying for or
522	providing meals or refreshment while services are being provided, or paying reasonable
523	transportation costs incurred by the person in travel to the site of construction;
524	(f) a person engaged in the sale or merchandising of personal property that by its
525	design or manufacture may be attached, installed, or otherwise affixed to real property who
526	has contracted with a person, firm, or corporation licensed under this chapter to install, affix,
527	or attach that property;
528	(g) a contractor submitting a bid on a federal aid highway project, if, before
529	undertaking construction under that bid, the contractor is licensed under this chapter;
530	(h) (i) a person engaged in the alteration, repair, remodeling, or addition to or
531	improvement of a building with a contracted or agreed value of less than \$3,000, including
532	both labor and materials, and including all changes or additions to the contracted or agreed
533	upon work; and

534	(ii) notwithstanding Subsection (1)(h)(i) and except as otherwise provided in this
535	section:
536	(A) work in the plumbing and electrical trades on a Subsection (1)(h)(i) project within
537	any six month period of time:
538	(I) must be performed by a licensed electrical or plumbing contractor, if the project
539	involves an electrical or plumbing system; and
540	(II) may be performed by a licensed journeyman electrician or plumber or an
541	individual referred to in Subsection (1)(h)(ii)(A)(I), if the project involves a component of the
542	system such as a faucet, toilet, fixture, device, outlet, or electrical switch;
543	(B) installation, repair, or replacement of a residential or commercial gas appliance or
544	a combustion system on a Subsection (1)(h)(i) project must be performed by a person who has
545	received certification under Subsection 58-55-308(2) except as otherwise provided in
546	Subsection 58-55-308(2)(d) or 58-55-308(3);
547	(C) installation, repair, or replacement of water-based fire protection systems on a
548	Subsection (1)(h)(i) project must be performed by a licensed fire suppression systems
549	contractor or a licensed journeyman plumber;
550	(D) work as an alarm business or company or as an alarm company agent shall be
551	performed by a licensed alarm business or company or a licensed alarm company agent, except
552	as otherwise provided in this chapter;
553	(E) installation, repair, or replacement of an alarm system on a Subsection (1)(h)(i)
554	project must be performed by a licensed alarm business or company or a licensed alarm
555	company agent;
556	(F) installation, repair, or replacement of a heating, ventilation, or air conditioning
557	system (HVAC) on a Subsection (1)(h)(i) project must be performed by an HVAC contractor
558	licensed by the division;
559	(G) installation, repair, or replacement of a radon mitigation system or a soil
560	depressurization system must be performed by a licensed contractor; and
561	(H) if the total value of the project is greater than \$1,000, the person shall file with the

562 division a one-time affirmation, subject to periodic reaffirmation as established by division 563 rule, that the person has: 564 (I) public liability insurance in coverage amounts and form established by division 565 rule; and 566 (II) if applicable, workers compensation insurance which would cover an employee of 567 the person if that employee worked on the construction project; 568 (i) a person practicing a specialty contractor classification or construction trade which 569 the director does not classify by administrative rule as significantly impacting the public's 570 health, safety, and welfare; 571 (j) owners and lessees of property and persons regularly employed for wages by 572 owners or lessees of property or their agents for the purpose of maintaining the property, are 573 exempt from this chapter when doing work upon the property; 574 (k) (i) a person engaged in minor plumbing work incidental to the replacement or 575 repair of a fixture or an appliance in a residential or small commercial building, or structure 576 used for agricultural use, as defined in Section [58-56-4] 58-56-3, provided that no 577 modification is made to: 578 (A) existing culinary water, soil, waste, or vent piping; or (B) a gas appliance or combustion system; and 579 580 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (1)(e), installation for the first time of a fixture or 581 an appliance is not included in the exemption provided under Subsection (1)(k)(i); 582 (1) a person who ordinarily would be subject to the plumber licensure requirements under this chapter when installing or repairing a water conditioner or other water treatment 583 584 apparatus if the conditioner or apparatus: 585

- (i) meets the appropriate state construction codes or local plumbing standards; and
- (ii) is installed or repaired under the direction of a person authorized to do the work under an appropriate specialty contractor license;

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(m) a person who ordinarily would be subject to the electrician licensure requirements under this chapter when employed by:

590	(i) railroad corporations, telephone corporations or their corporate affiliates, elevator
591	contractors or constructors, or street railway systems; or
592	(ii) public service corporations, rural electrification associations, or municipal utilities
593	who generate, distribute, or sell electrical energy for light, heat, or power;
594	(n) a person involved in minor electrical work incidental to a mechanical or service
595	installation;
596	(o) a student participating in construction trade education and training programs
597	approved by the commission with the concurrence of the director under the condition that:
598	(i) all work intended as a part of a finished product on which there would normally be
599	an inspection by a building inspector is, in fact, inspected and found acceptable by a licensed
600	building inspector; and
601	(ii) a licensed contractor obtains the necessary building permits; and
602	(p) a delivery person when replacing any of the following existing equipment with a
603	new gas appliance, provided there is an existing gas shutoff valve at the appliance:
604	(i) gas range;
605	(ii) gas dryer;
606	(iii) outdoor gas barbeque; or
607	(iv) outdoor gas patio heater.
608	(2) A compliance agency as defined in Subsection 58-56-3(4) that issues a building
609	permit to a person requesting a permit as a sole owner of property referred to in Subsection
610	(1)(d) shall notify the division, in writing or through electronic transmission, of the issuance of
611	the permit.
612	Section 11. Section 58-56-3 is amended to read:
613	58-56-3. Definitions.
614	In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as used in this chapter:
615	[(1) (a) "Adopted code" means:]
616	[(i) (A) a new edition of or amendment to an existing code, including the standards
617	and specifications contained in the code, adopted by the Legislature under Section 58-56-7;

618	and]
619	[(B) administered by the division under Section 58-56-6; and]
620	[(ii) adopted by a nationally recognized code authority, including:]
621	[(A) a building code;]
622	[(B) the National Electrical Code promulgated by the National Fire Protection
623	Association;]
624	[(C) a residential one and two family dwelling code;]
625	[(D) a plumbing code;]
626	[(E) a mechanical code;]
627	[(F) a fuel gas code;]
628	[(G) an energy conservation code; and]
629	[(H) a manufactured housing installation standard code.]
630	[(b) "Adopted code" includes:]
631	[(i) a fire code administered by the Fire Prevention Board under Section 53-7-204;
632	and]
633	[(ii) a code listed in Subsection (1)(a)(ii) that was adopted or amended by the division
634	and Uniform Building Code Commission or the Fire Protection Board before May 12, 2009.]
635	(1) "Agricultural use" means a use that relates to the tilling of soil and raising of crops
636	or keeping or raising domestic animals.
637	(2) (a) [(i)] "Approved code" means a code, including the standards and specifications
638	contained in the code, approved by the division under Section 58-56-4 for use by a compliance
639	agency[; and].
640	[(ii) administered by the division under Section 58-56-6.]
641	(b) "Approved code" does not include [an adopted] a state construction code [listed
642	under Subsection (1)(b)].
643	[(3) "Board" means the Fire Prevention Board created in Section 53-7-203.]
644	[(4)] (3) "Building" means a structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering
645	any use or occupancy and any improvements attached to it.

646	(4) "Code" means:
647	(a) a state construction code; or
648	(b) an approved code.
649	(5) "Commission" means the Uniform Building Code Commission created under this
650	chapter.
651	(6) "Compliance agency" means:
652	(a) an agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions which issues permits for
653	construction regulated under the codes;
654	(b) any other agency of the state or its political subdivisions specifically empowered to
655	enforce compliance with the codes; or
656	(c) any other state agency which chooses to enforce codes adopted under this chapter
657	by authority given the agency under a title other than Title 58, Occupations and Professions.
658	(7) "Construction code" means standards and specifications published by a nationally
659	recognized code authority for use in circumstances described in Subsection 58-56-4(1),
660	including:
661	(a) a building code;
662	(b) an electrical code;
663	(c) a residential one and two family dwelling code;
664	(d) a plumbing code;
665	(e) a mechanical code;
666	(f) a fuel gas code;
667	(g) an energy conservation code; and
668	(h) a manufactured housing installation standard code.
669	[(7)] <u>(8)</u> "Factory built housing" means manufactured homes or mobile homes.
670	[(8)] (9) (a) "Factory built housing set-up contractor" means an individual licensed by
671	the division to set up or install factory built housing on a temporary or permanent basis.
672	(b) The scope of the work included under the license includes the placement or
673	securing, or both placement and securing, of the factory built housing on a permanent or

temporary foundation, securing the units together if required, and connection of the utilities to
the factory built housing unit, but does not include site preparation, construction of a
permanent foundation, and construction of utility services to the near proximity of the factory
built housing unit.
(c) If a dealer is not licensed as a factory built housing set-up contractor, that
individual must subcontract the connection services to individuals who are licensed by the
division to perform those specific functions under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction
Trades Licensing Act.
[(9)] (10) "HUD code" means the National Manufactured Housing Construction and
Safety Standards Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5401 et seq.
[(10)] (11) "Legislative action" [means the Legislature's] includes legislation that:
(a) [adoption of] adopts a new [adopted] state construction code;
(b) [adoption of an amendment to an existing adopted] amends a state construction
code; <u>or</u>
(c) [repeal of an adopted] repeals one or more provisions of a state construction code[;
<u>or].</u>
[(d) repeal of a provision of an adopted code.]
[(11)] (12) "Local regulator" means [each] a political subdivision of the state [which]
that is empowered to engage in the regulation of construction, alteration, remodeling, building,
repair, and other activities subject to the codes.
[(12)] (13) (a) "Manufactured home" means a transportable factory built housing unit
constructed on or after June 15, 1976, according to the HUD Code, in one or more sections,
which:
(i) in the traveling mode, is eight body feet or more in width or 40 body feet or more in
length, or when erected on site, is 400 or more square feet; and
(ii) is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or

without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the

plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems.

702	(b) Manufactured homes constructed on or after June 15, 1976, shall be identifiable by
703	the manufacturer's data plate bearing the date the unit was manufactured and a HUD label
704	attached to the exterior of the home certifying the home was manufactured to HUD standards.
705	[(13)] (14) "Mobile home" means a transportable factory built housing unit built prior
706	to June 15, 1976, in accordance with a state mobile home code which existed prior to the
707	HUD Code.
708	[(14)] (15) "Modular unit" means a structure built from sections which are
709	manufactured in accordance with the <u>state</u> construction [standards] <u>code</u> adopted pursuant to
710	Section 58-56-4 and transported to a building site, the purpose of which is for human
711	habitation, occupancy, or use.
712	(16) "Not for human occupancy" means use of a structure for purposes other than
713	protection or comfort of human beings, but allows people to enter the structure for:
714	(a) maintenance and repair; and
715	(b) the care of livestock, crops, or equipment intended for agricultural use which are
716	kept there.
717	[(15)] (17) "Opinion" means a written, nonbinding, and advisory statement issued by
718	the commission concerning an interpretation of the meaning of the codes or the application of
719	the codes in a specific circumstance issued in response to a specific request by a party to the
720	issue.
721	(18) "State construction code" means a construction code adopted by the Legislature
722	in accordance with Section 58-56-4.
723	[(16)] (19) "State regulator" means an agency of the state which is empowered to
724	engage in the regulation of construction, alteration, remodeling, building, repair, and other
725	activities subject to the codes adopted pursuant to this chapter.
726	Section 12. Section 58-56-4 is amended to read:
727	58-56-4. Adoption of state construction code Amendments Approval of other
728	codes Exemptions.
729	[(1) As used in this section:]

730	[(a) "agricultural use" means a use that relates to the tilling of soil and raising of crops
731	or keeping or raising domestic animals;]
732	[(b) "not for human occupancy" means use of a structure for purposes other than
733	protection or comfort of human beings, but allows people to enter the structure for:]
734	[(i) maintenance and repair; and]
735	[(ii) the care of livestock, crops, or equipment intended for agricultural use which are
736	kept there; and]
737	[(c) "residential area" means land that is not used for an agricultural use and is:]
738	[(i) (A) within the boundaries of a city or town; and]
739	[(B) less than five contiguous acres;]
40	[(ii) (A) within a subdivision for which the county has approved a subdivision plat
41	under Title 17, Chapter 27a, Part 6, Subdivisions; and]
42	[(B) less than two contiguous acres; or]
743	[(iii) not located in whole or in part in an agricultural protection area created under
44	Title 17, Chapter 41, Agriculture and Industrial Protection Areas.]
745	(1) (a) A state construction code is a construction code adopted with any
46	modifications in accordance with this section that the state and each political subdivision of
747	the state shall follow.
48	[(2)] (b) A person shall [follow an adopted code] comply with the applicable state
49	construction code when:
750	$[\frac{(a)}{a}]$ (i) new construction is involved; and
751	[(b)] (ii) the owner of an existing building, or the owner's agent, is voluntarily engaged
752	in:
753	[(i)] (A) the repair, renovation, remodeling, alteration, enlargement, rehabilitation,
754	conservation, or reconstruction of the building; or
755	[(ii)] (B) changing the character or use of the building in a manner [which] that
756	increases the occupancy loads, other demands, or safety risks of the building.
757	[(3) (a) Beginning May 12, 2009, the board and commission shall, in accordance with

758	Sections 53-7-204 and 58-56-5, make recommendations to the Business and Labor Interim
759	Committee as to whether or not the Legislature should take legislative action.]
760	(c) On and after July 1, 2010, a state construction code is the state construction code
761	in effect on July 1, 2010, until in accordance with this section:
762	(i) a new state construction code is adopted; or
763	(ii) one or more provisions of the state construction code are amended or repealed in
764	accordance with this section.
765	(d) A provision of a state construction code may be applicable:
766	(i) to the entire state; or
767	(ii) within a county, city, or town.
768	(2) (a) The Legislature shall adopt a state construction code by enacting legislation
769	that adopts a construction code with any modifications.
770	(b) Legislation enacted under this Subsection (2) shall state that it takes effect on the
771	July 1 after the day on which the legislation is enacted, unless otherwise stated in the
772	<u>legislation.</u>
773	(c) Subject to Subsection (5), a state construction code adopted by the Legislature is
774	the state construction code until in accordance with this section the Legislature adopts a new
775	state construction code by:
776	(i) adopting a new state construction code in its entirety; or
777	(ii) amending or repealing one or more provisions of the state construction code.
778	(3) (a) The commission shall by no later than November 30 of each year recommend
779	to the Business and Labor Interim Committee whether the Legislature should:
780	(i) amend or repeal one or more provisions of a state construction code; or
781	(ii) in a year of a regularly scheduled update of a nationally recognized code, adopt a
782	construction code with any modifications.
783	(b) The commission may recommend legislative action related to a state construction
784	code:
785	(i) on its own initiative;

786	(ii) upon the recommendation of the division; or
787	(iii) upon the receipt of a request by one of the following that the commission
788	recommend legislative action related to the state construction code:
789	(A) a local regulator;
790	(B) a state regulator;
791	(C) a state agency involved with the construction and design of a building;
792	(D) the Construction Services Commission;
793	(E) the Electrician Licensing Board;
794	(F) the Plumbers Licensing Board; or
795	(G) a recognized construction-related association.
796	[(b) (i)] (4) If the Business and Labor Interim Committee decides to recommend
797	legislative action to the Legislature, the Business and Labor Interim Committee shall prepare
798	legislation for consideration by the Legislature in the next general session[-] that if passed by
799	the Legislature would:
800	(a) adopt a new state construction code in its entirety; or
801	(b) amend or repeal one or more provisions of a state construction code.
802	[(ii) The legislation described in Subsection (3)(b)(i) shall direct:]
803	[(A) the division to administer an adopted code, excluding the fire code, in accordance
804	with legislative action approved by the Legislature; and]
805	[(B) the board to administer an adopted fire code in accordance with legislative action
806	approved by the Legislature.]
807	[(4)] (5) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), the commission may, in accordance with
808	Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, [adopt an adopted code, except
809	the fire code,] amend a state construction code if the commission determines that waiting for
810	legislative action in the next general legislative session [under Subsection (3)] would:
811	(i) cause an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare; or
812	(ii) place a person in violation of federal or other state law.
813	(b) If the commission [adopts an adopted] amends a state construction code [under

814	Subsection (4)(a)] in accordance with this Subsection (5), the commission shall file with the
815	division:
816	(i) the text of the [adopted] amendment to the state construction code; and
817	(ii) an analysis that includes the specific reasons and justifications for [its] the
818	commission's findings.
819	(c) [The] If a state construction code is amended under this Subsection (5), the
820	division shall[, in accordance with Subsection (4)(b)]:
821	(i) publish the [adopted] amendment to the state construction code in accordance with
822	Section 58-56-6; and
823	(ii) notify the Business and Labor Interim Committee of the [adoption] amendment to
824	the state construction code, including a copy of the commission's analysis described in
825	Subsection (5)(b).
826	(d) If not formally adopted by the Legislature at its next annual general session, an
827	[adopted] amendment to a state construction code [adopted] under this Subsection [(4)] (5) is
828	repealed [effective at midnight on the last day that the Legislature adjourns sine die at its] on
829	the July 1 immediately following the next annual general session that follows the adoption of
830	the amendment.
831	[(5) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), the board may, in accordance with Title 63G,
832	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, adopt a fire code, if the board determines
833	that waiting for legislative action in the next general legislative session under Subsection (3)
834	would:
835	[(i) cause an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare; or]
836	[(ii) place a person in violation of federal or other state law.]
837	[(b) The board shall:]
838	[(i) publish the adopted fire code; and]
839	[(ii) notify the Business and Labor Interim Committee of the adoption, including a
840	copy of an analysis by the board identifying specific reasons and justifications for its
841	findings.]

842	[(c) If not formally adopted by the Legislature at its next annual general session, a fire
843	code adopted under this Subsection (5) is repealed effective at midnight on the last day that
844	the Legislature adjourns sine die at its next annual general session.]
845	(6) (a) The division, in consultation with the commission, [has discretion to] may
846	approve, without adopting, [certain] one or more approved codes, including a specific
847	[editions] edition of [the approved codes] a state construction code, for use by a compliance
848	agency.
849	(b) [Under] If the code adopted by a compliance agency is an approved code described
850	$\underline{\text{in}}$ Subsection (6)(a), [\underline{a}] $\underline{\text{the}}$ compliance agency [$\underline{\text{has the discretion to}}$] $\underline{\text{may}}$:
851	(i) adopt an ordinance requiring removal, demolition, or repair of a building[;
852	according to an adopted code];
853	(ii) adopt, by ordinance or rule, a dangerous building code; or
854	(iii) adopt, by ordinance or rule, a building rehabilitation code.
855	(7) (a) Except [in a residential area] as provided in Subsection (7)(b), a structure used
856	solely in conjunction with agriculture use, and not for human occupancy, is [exempted]
857	exempt from the permit requirements of [an adopted] a state construction code.
858	(b) (i) [Notwithstanding] Unless exempted by a provision other than Subsection (7)(a),
859	[unless otherwise exempted,] a plumbing, electrical, and mechanical [permits] permit may be
860	required when that work is included in [the] \underline{a} structure described in Subsection (7)(a).
861	(ii) Unless located in whole or in part in an agricultural protection area created under
862	Title 17, Chapter 41, Agriculture and Industrial Protection Area, a structure described in
863	Subsection (7)(a) is not exempt from a permit requirement if the structure is located on land
864	that is:
865	(A) (I) within the boundaries of a city or town; and
866	(II) less than five contiguous acres; or
867	(B) (I) within a subdivision for which the county has approved a subdivision plat
868	under Title 17, Chapter 27a, Part 6, Subdivisions; and
869	(II) less than two contiguous acres.

870	Section 13. Section 58-56-5 is amended to read:
871	58-56-5. Uniform Building Code Commission Composition of commission
872	Commission duties and responsibilities Unified Code Analysis Council.
873	(1) There is established a Uniform Building Code Commission to advise the division
874	with respect to the division's responsibilities in administering the codes under this chapter.
875	(2) The commission shall be appointed by the executive director who shall submit
876	those nominations to the governor for confirmation or rejection. If a nominee is rejected,
877	alternative names shall be submitted until confirmation is received. Following confirmation
878	by the governor, the appointment is effective.
879	(3) The commission shall consist of 11 members who shall be appointed in accordance
880	with the following:
881	(a) one member shall be from among candidates nominated by the Utah League of
882	Cities and Towns and the Utah Association of Counties;
883	(b) one member shall be a licensed building inspector employed by a political
884	subdivision of the state;
885	(c) one member shall be a licensed professional engineer;
886	(d) one member shall be a licensed architect;
887	(e) one member shall be a fire official;
888	(f) three members shall be contractors licensed by the state, of which one shall be a
889	general contractor, one an electrical contractor, and one a plumbing contractor;
890	(g) two members shall be from the general public and have no affiliation with the
891	construction industry or real estate development industry; and
892	(h) one member shall be from the Division of Facilities Construction Management,
893	Department of Administrative Services.
894	(4) (a) Except as required by Subsection (4)(b), as terms of current commission
895	members expire, the executive director shall appoint each new member or reappointed member
896	to a four-year term.
897	(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (4)(a), the executive director

shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of commission members are staggered so that approximately half of the commission is appointed every two years.

- (5) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the executive director shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired term.
 - (6) [No] (a) A commission member may not serve more than two full terms[, and no].
- (b) A commission member who ceases to serve may <u>not</u> again serve on the commission until after the expiration of two years from the date of cessation of service.
- (7) A majority of the commission members [shall] constitute a quorum and may act on behalf of the commission.
- (8) (a) (i) [Members] A member who [are] is not a government [employees shall receive no] employee may not receive compensation or benefits for [their services] the member's service, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
- (ii) [Members] A member who is not a government employee may decline to receive per diem and expenses for [their] the member's service.
- (b) (i) [State] A state government officer [and] or employee [members] member who [do] does not receive salary, per diem, or expenses from [their] the member's agency for [their] the member's service may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of [their] the member's official duties from the commission at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
- (ii) [State] A state government officer [and] or employee [members] member may decline to receive per diem and expenses for [their] the member's service.
- (c) (i) [Local] A local government [members] member who [do] does not receive salary, per diem, or expenses from the entity that [they represent for their] the member represents for the member's service may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of [their] the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division of

926	Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
927	(ii) [Local] A local government [members] member may decline to receive per diem
928	and expenses for [their] the member's service.
929	(9) (a) The commission shall annually designate one of its members to serve as chair
930	of the commission.
931	(b) The division shall provide a secretary to facilitate the function of the commission
932	and to record [its] the commission's actions and recommendations.
933	(10) The commission shall:
934	(a) in accordance with Section 58-56-4, [make a] report to the Business and Labor
935	Interim Committee [by no later than November 30 of each year];
936	[(b) ensure that the report includes recommendations as to whether or not the
937	Legislature should take legislative action, excluding any recommendations on the fire code;]
938	$[\frac{(c)}{(b)}]$ offer an opinion regarding the interpretation of or the application of $[\frac{an}{(b)}]$
939	adopted code, excluding the fire code, or an approved] a code under this chapter if a [party]
940	person submits a request for an opinion;
941	[(d)] (c) act as an appeals board as provided in Section 58-56-8;
942	[(e)] (d) establish advisory peer committees on either a standing or ad hoc basis to
943	advise the commission with respect to matters related to [an adopted] a state construction
944	code[, excluding the fire code,] or approved code, including a committee to advise the
945	commission regarding health matters related to [the] a plumbing code; and
946	[(f)] (e) assist the division in overseeing code-related training in accordance with
947	Section 58-56-9.
948	(11) A [party] person requesting an opinion under Subsection (10)(c) shall submit a
949	formal request clearly stating:
950	(a) the facts in question;
951	(b) the specific [eode] citation at issue in a code under this chapter; and
952	(c) the position taken by [all parties] the persons involved in the facts in question.
953	(12) (a) In a manner consistent with Subsection (10)(d), the commission shall jointly

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954	create with the Utah Fire Prevention Board an advisory peer committee known as the "Unified
955	Code Analysis Council" to review fire prevention and construction code issues that require
956	definitive and specific analysis.
957	(b) The commission and Utah Fire Prevention Board shall jointly, by rule made in
958	accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, provide for:
959	(i) the appointment of members to the Unified Code Analysis Council; and
960	(ii) procedures followed by the Unified Code Analysis Council.
961	Section 14. Section 58-56-6 is amended to read:
962	58-56-6. Codes Division duties and responsibilities.
963	(1) (a) The division shall administer the codes adopted or approved under Section
964	58-56-4 pursuant to this chapter[, but].
965	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), the division has no responsibility [or duty] to:
966	(i) conduct inspections to determine compliance with the codes[7];
967	(ii) issue permits[,]; or
968	(iii) assess building permit fees.
969	(2) [Administration] As part of the administration of the codes adopted or approved
970	under Section 58-56-4 [by] the division shall [include]:
971	(a) comply with Section 58-56-7;
972	[(a)] (b) [scheduling] schedule appropriate hearings;
973	[(b)] (c) [maintaining, publishing for reference, and keeping the] maintain and publish
974	for reference:
975	(i) a current [adopted code, excluding the fire code, and] state construction code; and
976	(ii) any approved code; and
977	[(c) publishing] (d) publish the opinions of the commission with respect to
978	interpretation and application of the codes.
979	Section 15. Section 58-56-7 is amended to read:
980	58-56-7. Code amendment process.
981	(1) [(a) Subject to Subsection (1)(b) the The division in consultation with the

982	commission, shall establish by rule the procedure [and manner] under which [requests for] \underline{a}
983	request that the commission recommend legislative action [to an adopted code shall] is to be:
984	[(i)] (a) filed with the division;
985	[(ii)] (b) reviewed by the commission; and
986	[(iii) recommended] (c) addressed by the commission in the commission's report to
987	the Business and Labor Interim Committee [for legislative action in accordance with] required
988	<u>by</u> Section [58-56-5] <u>58-56-4</u> .
989	[(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), the board shall recommend legislative action
990	to the fire code in accordance with Section 53-7-204.]
991	(2) The division shall accept a request that the commission recommend legislative
992	action in accordance with Section 58-56-4, from [any]:
993	(a) a local [regulators,] regulator;
994	(b) a state [regulators,] regulator;
995	(c) a state [agencies] agency involved with the construction and design of [buildings,
996	the contractors, plumbers, or electricians licensing boards, or from] a building;
997	(d) the Construction Services Commission;
998	(e) the Electrician Licensing Board;
999	(f) the Plumbers Licensing Board; or
1000	(g) a recognized construction-related [associations a request for amendment to the
1001	codes under Section 58-56-4] association.
1002	[(3) (a) Except in the case of the fire code, the division may make recommendations to
1003	the commission for legislative action.]
1004	[(b) Except in the case of the fire code, the commission may also consider legislative
1005	action on its own initiative.]
1006	[(4)] (3) (a) [On May 15 and October 15 of each calendar year, or the first government
1007	working day after those dates if either date falls on a weekend or government holiday, the
1008	division shall convene a] If one or more requests are received in accordance with this section,
1009	the division shall hold at least one public hearing[-,] before the commission concerning the

1010	requests [for legislative action to an adopted code in accordance with Section 58-56-4].
1011	(b) The <u>commission shall conduct a public</u> hearing [shall be conducted] <u>under this</u>
1012	Subsection (3) in accordance with the rules of the commission, which may provide for
1013	coordinating the public hearing with a meeting of the commission.
1014	[(5)] (c) [The commission shall, after the] After a public hearing described in this
1015	Subsection [(4), make] (3), the commission shall prepare a written report of [recommended
1016	amendments to be included] its recommendations made on the basis of the public hearing.
1017	The commission shall include the information in the written report prepared under this
1018	Subsection (3)(c) in the commission's report to the Business and Labor Interim Committee
1019	under Section [58-56-5] <u>58-56-4</u> .
1020	[(6)] (4) In making rules required by this chapter, the division shall comply with Title
1021	63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
1022	Section 16. Section 58-56-9 is amended to read:
1023	58-56-9. Qualifications of inspectors Contract for inspection services.
1024	(1) [All inspectors] An inspector employed by a local regulator, state regulator, or
1025	compliance agency to enforce [provisions of] the codes adopted or approved pursuant to this
1026	chapter shall:
1027	(a) (i) meet minimum qualifications as established by the division in collaboration
1028	with the commission [or];
1029	(ii) be certified by a nationally recognized organization which promulgates codes
1030	adopted under this chapter[7]; or
1031	(iii) pass an examination developed by the division in collaboration with the
1032	commission;
1033	(b) be currently licensed by the division as meeting those minimum qualifications; and
1034	(c) be subject to revocation or suspension of [their] the inspector's license or [may be]
1035	being placed on probation if found guilty of unlawful or unprofessional conduct.
1036	(2) A local regulator, state regulator, or compliance agency may contract for the
1037	services of a licensed inspector not regularly employed by the regulator or agency.

1038	(3) (a) The division shall use the [monies] money received [in] under Subsection (4) to
1039	provide education:
1040	(i) regarding the codes and code amendments [adopted or approved] that under
1041	Section 58-56-4 are adopted, approved, or being considered for adoption or approval; and
1042	<u>(ii)</u> to:
1043	[(i)] (A) building inspectors; and
1044	[(ii)] (B) individuals engaged in construction-related trades or professions.
1045	(b) [All funding] Monies available for [the] a building inspector's education program
1046	[shall be] are nonlapsing.
1047	(4) [Each] (a) A compliance agency shall:
1048	(i) charge a 1% surcharge on [all building permits issued] a building permit it issues;
1049	and [shall]
1050	(ii) transmit 80% of the amount collected to the division to be [utilized] used by the
1051	division to fulfill the requirements of Subsection (3).
1052	(b) The surcharge shall be deposited as a dedicated credit.
1053	Section 17. Section 58-56-9.3 is amended to read:
1054	58-56-9.3. Unprofessional conduct.
1055	Unprofessional conduct is as defined in Subsection 58-1-501(2) and includes:
1056	(1) knowingly failing to inspect or issue correction notices for code violations which
1057	when left uncorrected would constitute a hazard to the public health and safety and knowingly
1058	failing to require that correction notices are complied with as a building inspector;
1059	(2) the use of alcohol or the illegal use of drugs while performing duties as a building
1060	inspector or at any time to the extent that the inspector is physically or mentally impaired and
1061	unable to effectively perform the duties of an inspector;
1062	(3) gross negligence in the performance of official duties as a building inspector;
1063	(4) the personal use of information or knowingly revealing information to
1064	unauthorized persons when that information has been obtained by a building inspector as a
1065	result of the inspector's employment, work, or position as an inspector;

1066	(5) unlawful acts or practices which are clearly unethical under generally recognized
1067	standards of conduct of a building inspector;
1068	(6) engaging in fraud or knowingly misrepresenting a fact relating to the performance
1069	of duties and responsibilities as a building inspector;
1070	(7) a building inspector knowingly failing to require that all plans, specifications,
1071	drawings, documents, and reports be stamped by architects, professional engineers, or both as
1072	established by law;
1073	(8) a building inspector knowingly failing to report to the division an act or omission
1074	of a licensee under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act, which when
1075	left uncorrected constitutes a hazard to public health and safety;
1076	(9) a building inspector knowingly failing to report to the division unlicensed practice
1077	persons who are required to be licensed under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades
1078	Licensing Act;
1079	(10) a building inspector's approval of work which materially varies from approved
1080	documents that have been stamped by an architect, professional engineer, or both unless
1081	authorized by the licensed architect, professional engineer, or both;
1082	(11) a building inspector failing to produce verification of current licensure and
1083	current certifications for the codes [adopted under rules of the division] upon request of the
1084	division, a compliance agency, or a contractor or property owner whose work is being
1085	inspected;
1086	(12) nondelivery of goods or services by a registered dealer which constitutes a breach
1087	of contract by the dealer;
1088	(13) the failure of a registered dealer to pay a subcontractor or supplier any amounts to
1089	which that subcontractor or supplier is legally entitled; and
1090	(14) any other activity which is defined as unprofessional conduct by division rule in
1091	accordance with the provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

Section 18. Section **58-56-12** is amended to read:

58-56-12. Factory built housing units.

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1094 (1) (a) Manufactured homes constructed, sold, or set-up in the state shall be 1095 constructed in accordance with the HUD code. 1096 (b) Manufactured homes set-up in the state shall be installed in accordance with the 1097 state construction code applicable to manufactured housing installation [standard code 1098 referred to in Section 58-56-4]. 1099 (c) The authority and responsibility for the issuance of building permits for the 1100 modification or set-up of manufactured homes within a political subdivision of the state shall 1101 be with the local regulator within that political subdivision. 1102 (d) The inspection of modifications to or the set-up of manufactured homes shall be 1103 conducted and approvals given by the local regulator within the political subdivision in which 1104 the set-up takes place. 1105 (2) (a) Mobile homes sold or set-up in the state shall be constructed in accordance 1106 with the [mobile home] state construction code [in existence in the state] applicable to a 1107 mobile home in which the mobile home was constructed at the time the mobile home was 1108 constructed. 1109 (b) Mobile homes set-up in the state shall be installed in accordance with the state 1110 construction code applicable to manufactured housing installation [standard code referred to in 1111 Section 58-56-41. 1112 (c) The authority and responsibility for the issuance of building permits for the modification of or set-up of mobile homes within a political subdivision of the state shall be 1113 1114 with the local regulator within that political subdivision. 1115 (d) The inspection of modification to or the set-up of mobile homes shall be conducted 1116 and approvals given by the local regulator within the political subdivision in which the set-up 1117 takes place.

1119 **58-56-13. Modular units.**

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Modular unit construction, set-up, issuance of permits for construction or set-up, and set-up shall be in accordance with the following:

Section 19. Section **58-56-13** is amended to read:

1122	(1) construction and set-up shall be in accordance with the [building standards
1123	adopted pursuant to Section 58-56-4, or equivalent standards adopted by rule] state
1124	construction codes;
1125	(2) the responsibility and authority for plan review and issuance of permits for
1126	construction, modification, or set-up shall be that of the local regulator of the political
1127	subdivision in which the modular unit is to be set-up;
1128	(3) the inspection of the construction, modification of, or set-up of a modular unit to
1129	determine conformance with the provisions of this chapter and the issuance of approvals shall
1130	be the responsibility of the local regulator in the political subdivision in which the modular
1131	unit is to be set-up or is set-up; and
1132	(4) nothing in this section shall preclude a local regulator from contracting with a
1133	qualified third party for the inspection or plan review provided in this section, or the state from
1134	entering into an interstate compact for third party inspection of the construction of modular
1135	units.
1136	Section 20. Section 58-56-14 is amended to read:
1137	58-56-14. Modification of factory built housing units and modular units.
1138	(1) $[Any]$ \underline{A} modification to factory built housing units shall be made in accordance
1139	with the following:
1140	(a) Prior to set-up, modification to a manufactured home or mobile home prior to
1141	installation or set-up of the unit for habitation shall be made in accordance with the HUD
1142	code.
1143	(b) After set-up:
1144	(i) modification to a manufactured home or mobile home after installation or set-up of
1145	the unit for habitation, which modification does not include the addition of any space to the
1146	existing unit or the attachment of any structure to the existing unit shall be made in
1147	accordance with the HUD code; and
1148	(ii) modification to a manufactured home or mobile home after installation or set-up of
1149	the unit for habitation, which modification includes the addition of any space to the existing

unit or the attachment of any structure to the unit shall be made as follows:

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1151	(A) modifications to the existing unit shall be in accordance with the HUD code; and
1152	(B) additional structure outside of the existing unit shall be in accordance with [the
1153	Utah Uniform Building Standards Act] this chapter.
1154	(2) [Any] \underline{A} modification to \underline{a} modular housing [units] unit shall be made in
1155	accordance with [the Utah Uniform Building Standards Act] this chapter.
1156	Section 21. Section 58-56-15 is amended to read:
1157	58-56-15. Factory built housing and modular units Division responsibility
1158	Unlawful conduct.
1159	(1) The division:
1160	(a) shall maintain current information on the HUD code and the state construction
1161	code relevant to manufactured housing installation [standard code referred to in Section
1162	58-56-4] and will provide at reasonable cost the information to compliance agencies, local
1163	regulators, or state regulators requesting such information;
1164	(b) shall provide qualified personnel to advise compliance agencies, local regulators,
1165	and state regulators regarding the standards for construction and set-up, construction and
1166	set-up inspection, and additions or modifications to factory built housing;
1167	(c) is designated as the state administrative agency for purposes under the provisions
1168	of the HUD code;
1169	(d) may inspect the work of modular unit manufacturers in the state during the
1170	construction process to determine compliance of the manufacturer with [the Utah Uniform
1171	Building Standard Act] this chapter for those units to be installed within the state and upon a
1172	finding of substantive deficiency, issue a corrective order to the manufacturer with a copy to
1173	the local regulator in the state's political subdivision in which the unit is to be installed;
1174	(e) shall have rights of entry and inspection as specified under the HUD Code; and
1175	(f) shall implement by rule as required by the HUD Code:
1176	(i) a dispute resolution program; and
1177	(ii) a continuing education requirement for manufactured housing installation

1178	contractors.
1179	(2) The division may assess civil penalties payable to the state for violation of the
1180	HUD Code in an amount identical to those set forth in Section 611 of the National
1181	Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5410.
1182	(3) The state may impose criminal sanctions for violations of the HUD Code identical
1183	to those set forth in Section 611 of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and
1184	Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5410, provided that if the criminal sanction is a
1185	fine, the fine shall be payable to the state.
1186	Section 22. Section 58-56-17.5 is amended to read:
1187	58-56-17.5. Factory Built Housing Fees Restricted Account.
1188	(1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as "Factory
1189	Built Housing Fees Account."
1190	(2) (a) The restricted account shall be funded from the fees the dealer collects and
1191	remits to the division for each factory built home the dealer sells as provided in Subsection
1192	58-56-17(1).
1193	(b) The division shall deposit all monies collected under Subsection 58-56-17(1) in the
1194	restricted account.
1195	(c) The restricted account shall be used to pay for education and enforcement of [the
1196	Uniform Building Standards Act] this chapter, including investigations and administrative
1197	actions and the funding of additional employees to the amount of the legislative appropriation.
1198	(d) The restricted account may accrue interest which shall be deposited into the
1199	restricted account.
1200	Section 23. Section 58-56-20 is amended to read:
1201	58-56-20. Standardized building permit content.
1202	(1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
1203	the division shall adopt a standardized building permit form by rule.

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(2) (a) The standardized building permit form created under Subsection (1) shall

include fields for indicating the following information:

1200	(1) the name and address of the owner of or contractor for the project;
1207	(ii) (A) the address of the project; or
1208	(B) a general description of the project; and
1209	(iii) whether the permit applicant is an original contractor or owner-builder.
1210	(b) The standardized building permit form created under Subsection (1) may include
1211	any other information the division considers useful.
1212	(3) (a) A compliance agency shall issue a permit for construction only on a
1213	standardized building permit form approved by the division.
1214	(b) A permit for construction issued by a compliance agency under Subsection (3)(a)
1215	shall print the standardized building permit number assigned under Section 58-56-19 in the
1216	upper right-hand corner of the building permit form in at least 12-point type.
1217	(c) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(c)(ii), a compliance agency may not issue
1218	a permit for construction if the information required by Subsection (2)(a) is not completed on
1219	the building permit form.
1220	(ii) If a compliance agency does not issue a separate permit for different aspects of the
1221	same project, the compliance agency may issue a permit for construction without the
1222	information required by Subsection (2)(a)(iii).
1223	(d) A compliance agency may require additional information for the issuance of a
1224	permit for construction.
1225	(4) A local regulator issuing a single-family residential building permit application
1226	shall include in the application or attach to the building permit the following notice
1227	prominently placed in at least 14-point font: "Decisions relative to this application are subject
1228	to review by the chief executive officer of the municipal or county entity issuing the
1229	single-family residential building permit and appeal under the International Residential Code
1230	as adopted by the Legislature."
1231	Section 24. Section 58-56-21 is amended to read:
1232	58-56-21. Review of building inspection.
1233	(1) As used in this section, "International Residential Code" [or "IRC"] means the

1234	International Residential Code [as] adopted [in this chapter and by rule] as a state construction
1235	code under Section 58-56-4.
1236	(2) Subject to Subsection (3), a city or county shall, by ordinance, provide for review
1237	of an inspection conducted by the city's or county's building inspector for a single-family
1238	residential building permit.
1239	(3) Upon request by a person seeking a single-family residential building permit, a
1240	chief executive officer of the municipal or county issuing the single-family residential building
1241	permit, or the chief executive officer's designee, shall, with reasonable diligence, review an
1242	inspection described in Subsection (2) to determine whether the inspection constitutes a fair
1243	administration of the building code.
1244	(4) A review described in this section:
1245	(a) is separate and unrelated to an appeal under the [IRC] <u>International Residential</u>
1246	Code;
1247	(b) may not be used to review a matter that may be brought by appeal under the [IRC]
1248	International Residential Code;
1249	(c) may not result in the waiver or modification of an [IRC] International Residential
1250	<u>Code</u> requirement or standard;
1251	(d) may not conflict with an appeal, or the result of an appeal, under the [HRC]
1252	International Residential Code; and
1253	(e) does not prohibit a person from bringing an appeal under the [IRC] International
1254	Residential Code.
1255	(5) A person who seeks a review described in this section may not be prohibited by
1256	preclusion, estoppel, or otherwise from raising an issue or bringing a claim in an appeal under
1257	the [IRC] <u>International Residential Code</u> on the grounds that the person raised the issue or
1258	brought the claim in the review described in this section.
1259	Section 25. Repealer.
1260	This bill repeals:
1261	Section 53-7-205, State fire code amendments Board duties and responsibilities.

1262 Section 26. **Effective date.**

1263 <u>This bill takes effect on July 1, 2010.</u>