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SB 196 Reengrossed

2018 Regular Session

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Present law provides relative to the state uniform construction code and the power of the state fire marshal.

Present law provides that the state fire marshal may establish contract agreements with municipalities and parishes in order to provide code enforcement on behalf of the municipality or parish as provided by law.

Proposed law provides that the contract agreement may include a provision that permits the state fire marshal to take into consideration practical and unreasonable economic hardships before applying the strict requirements of the State Uniform Construction Code.

Proposed law provides that pursuant to the contractual agreement with a municipality or parish and upon request of the professional of record for a plan review of a structure, except one- or two- family dwellings, the state fire marshal may allow alternative materials, design, and methods of construction and equipment that comply with the provisions of the International Building Code relative to alternative materials, design, and methods of construction and equipment.

Proposed law provides that the state fire marshal may adopt, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, the provisions set forth in the International Building Code, Chapter 1-Scope and Administration, relative to alternative materials, design, and methods of construction and equipment.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 40:1730.39(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides that the appeal may be made by a professional of record for a plan review of commercial buildings.
2. Allows the state fire marshal to allow alternative materials, design, and methods of construction and equipment that comply with the provisions of the International Building Code, Chapter I-Administrative relative to alternative materials, design, and methods of construction and equipment.
3. Limits the provisions of the International Building Code the state fire marshal may adopt in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Senate Floor amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes legislative bureau technical change.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the reengrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.