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HOUSE BILL NO. 361

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

BUILDING CODES: Provides relative to the adoption of the International Residential Code

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(a)(introductory paragraph), relative to the
adoption of the International Residential Code; to provide relative to Part VIII-
Electrical of the code; to provide that Part VIII-Electrical be adopted with the latest
edition of the International Residential Code when adopting the State Uniform
Construction Code; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(a)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and
reenacted to read as follows:
§1730.28. Mandatory adoption of certain nationally recognized codes and standards
as the state uniform construction code; adoption by reference
A. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, the council shall
evaluate, adopt, and amend only the latest editions of the following as the State
Uniform Construction Code:
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(3)(a) International Residential Code, not including Part I-Administration
and VIII-Electrical. The applicable standards referenced in that code are included
for regulation of construction within this state. The enforcement of such standards
shall be mandatory only with respect to new construction, reconstruction, additions

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to homes previously built to the International Residential Code, and extensive

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alterations; however, a municipality, parish, or regional planning commission may enforce Appendix J of the code at its option. The appendices of that code may be adopted as needed, but the specific appendix or appendices shall be referenced by name or letter designation at the time of adoption, with the exception of Appendix J, Existing Buildings and Structures, which shall not be adopted by the council and may be adopted and enforced only at the option of a parish, municipality, or regional planning commission. For the purposes of this Part, IRC R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria) shall be amended as follows and shall apply only to the International Residential Code, 2003 edition:

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the exclusion of Part VIII-Electrical of the International Residential Code when adopting the latest edition of the code.

<u>Present law</u> excludes Part VIII-Electrical of the International Residential Code when adopting the latest edition of the code when adopting the State Uniform Construction Code.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes Part VIII-Electrical as an exception to the adoption of the latest edition of the International Residential Code when adopting the State Uniform Construction Code.

(Amends R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(a)(intro. para.))