2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 292

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

## BUILDING CODES: Provides relative to the State Uniform Construction Code

1	AN ACT	
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(a)(introductory paragraph), relative to the	
3	State Uniform Construction Code; to provide for the adoption of the State Uniform	
4	Construction Code; to exempt certain provisions of the International Residential	
5	Code from being adopted and made a part of the State Uniform Construction Code;	
6	to provide that certain provisions regarding grade marked lumber be exempt from	
7	adoption; and to provide for related matters.	
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:	
9	Section 1. R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(a)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and	
10	reenacted to read as follows:	
11	§1730.28. Mandatory adoption of certain nationally recognized codes and standards	
12	as the state uniform construction code; adoption by reference	
13	A. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, the council shall	
14	evaluate, adopt, and amend only the latest editions of the following as the State	
15	Uniform Construction Code:	
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17	(3)(a) International Residential Code, not including Part I-Administration	
18	and VIII-Electrical, VII-Electrical, and the standards referenced in Part III-Building	
19	Planning and Construction of that code that require lumber to bear the grade mark	
20	of a lumber grading or inspection agency. The applicable standards referenced in	

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1	that code are included for regulation of construction within this state. The		
2	enforcement of such standards shall be mandatory only with respect to new		
3	construction, reconstruction, additions to homes previously built to the International		
4	Residential Code, and extensive alterations; however, a municipality, parish, or		
5	regional planning commission may enforce Appendix J of the code at its option. The		
6	appendices of that code may be adopted as needed, but the specific appendix or		
7	appendices shall be referenced by name or letter designation at the time of adoption,		
8	with the exception of Appendix J, Existing Buildings and Structures, which shall not		
9	be adopted by the council and may be adopted and enforced only at the option of a		
10	parish, municipality, or regional planning commission. For the purposes of this Part,		
11	IRC R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria) shall be amended as follows and shall apply only		
12	to the International Residential Code, 2003 edition:		
13	* * *		

## DIGEST

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Abstract: Excludes the adoption of certain provisions relative to grade marked lumber when adopting the latest edition of the International Residential Code as the State Uniform Construction Code.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the exclusion of certain provisions when adopting the latest edition of the International Residential Code as the State Uniform Construction Code.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds an exclusion for those lumber standards provided for in Part III–Building Planning and Construction of the International Residential Code that require lumber to be stamped with the grade mark of a lumber grading or inspection agency.

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