

ACT No. 160

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 571

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1730.26(3), relative to the State Uniform Construction Code;
3 to provide for the adoption of the State Uniform Construction Code within five years
4 from publication of the appropriate code; to provide for an extension to the time
5 period in which the code is required to be adopted; to provide for limitations relative
6 to the length and number of extensions to the adoption of the code; to limit the
7 extension to no more than one year; to limit the authority of the council relative to
8 the number of times an extension may be granted; to provide for a definition; and to
9 provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 40:1730.26(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
12 §1730.26. Adoption and promulgation of certain building codes and standards as
13 State Uniform Construction Code; procedures

14 The council shall review, adopt, modify, and promulgate the building codes
15 referenced in R.S. 40:1730.28 and 1730.28.1 of this Part, provided that:

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17 (3)(a) The council shall review, evaluate, and update the State Uniform
18 Construction Code no later than five years from the date of publication of the
19 appropriate code as provided for in R.S. 40:1730.28. The council shall submit the
20 updated State Uniform Construction Code to the House Committee on Commerce
21 and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International
22 Affairs for oversight and approval. Additionally, the council shall provide the

1 members of each house of the legislature a summary of the major proposed changes
2 to the International Residential Code at the time of submission to the oversight
3 committees.

4 (b) The council shall have the authority to suspend the five-year deadline as
5 referenced in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, for a period of up to one year due
6 to extraordinary circumstances.

7 (c) "Extraordinary circumstances" means a federally declared disaster, a
8 gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency, a pandemic, or other acts of God.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____