

LEGISLATIVE BILL 755

Approved by the Governor May 5, 1999

Introduced by Landis, 46; Preister, 5

AN ACT relating to public buildings; to require compliance with a building code.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. (1) Any new state building shall meet or exceed the requirements of the 1998 International Energy Conservation Code.

(2) Any new lighting, heating, cooling, ventilating, or water heating equipment or controls in a state-owned building and any new building envelope components installed in a state-owned building shall meet or exceed the requirements of the 1998 International Energy Conservation Code.

(3) The State Building Administrator of the Department of Administrative Services, in consultation with the State Energy Office, may specify:

(a) A more recent edition of the International Energy Conservation Code;

(b) Additional energy efficiency or renewable energy requirements for buildings; and

(c) Waivers of specific requirements which are demonstrated through life-cycle cost analysis to not be in the state's best interest. The agency receiving the funding shall be required to provide a life-cycle cost analysis to the State Building Administrator.

Sec. 2. The International Energy Conservation Code applies to all new buildings constructed in whole or in part with state funds after January 1, 2000. The State Energy Office shall review building plans and specifications necessary to determine whether a building will meet the requirements of this section. The State Energy Office shall provide a copy of its review to the agency receiving funding. The agency receiving the funding shall verify that the building as constructed meets or exceeds the code. The verification shall be provided to the State Energy Office. The State Energy Office shall, in consultation with the State Building Administrator of the Department of Administrative Services, adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.

Sec. 3. The enforcement provisions of Chapter 1 of the 1998 International Energy Conservation Code shall not apply to buildings subject to sections 1 and 2 of this act.