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1	CONSTRUCTION AND FIRE CODE RELATED
2	AMENDMENTS
3	2010 GENERAL SESSION
4	STATE OF UTAH
5	Chief Sponsor: Michael T. Morley
6 7	Senate Sponsor: J. Stuart Adams
8	LONG TITLE
9	General Description:
10	This bill modifies the Utah Fire Prevention and Safety Act and Utah Uniform Building
11	Standards Act to address the process for adopting and modifying a state construction
12	code or state fire code.
13	Highlighted Provisions:
14	This bill:
15	 clarifies the enforcement of the state fire code;
16	 addresses the adoption and amendment process for a state fire code;
17	 addresses local authority to adopt fire code standards;
17a	Ĥ→ <u>provides for the creation of a joint peer advisory committee;</u> ←Ĥ
18	 addresses the adoption and amendment process for a state construction code;
19	 provides for funding of education related to codes being considered; and
20	makes technical and conforming changes.
21	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
22	None
23	Other Special Clauses:
24	This bill takes effect on July 1, 2010.
25	Utah Code Sections Affected:
26	AMENDS:
27	26-15-3, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339



	53-7-102, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1993, Chapter 234
	53-7-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 301
	53-7-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 329
	53-7-106, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339
	53-7-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339
	53-7-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339
	53-7-209, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339
	53A-20c-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
	58-55-305 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 228
	58-56-3, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339
	58-56-4, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339
	58-56-5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339
	58-56-6, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339
	58-56-7, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 339
	58-56-9, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 75
	58-56-9.3 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
	58-56-12, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 75
	58-56-13 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 1990, Chapter 293
	58-56-14 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 1990, Chapter 293
	58-56-15, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 75
	58-56-17.5 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 1997, Chapter 385
	58-56-20 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapters 50 and 129
	58-56-21 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 129
RF	EPEALS:
	53-7-205, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 25
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Be	e it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section 26-15-3 is amended to read:
	26-15-3. Department to advise regarding the plumbing code.
	(1) The department shall advise the Division of Occupational and Professional
Lie	censing and the Uniform Building Code Commission with respect to the adoption of a state

59	construction code [and] under Section 58-56-4, including providing recommendations as to:
60	(a) a specific edition of a plumbing code [adopted] issued by a nationally recognized
61	code authority [to be administered by the Division of Occupational and Professional
62	Licensing,]; and
63	(b) any amendments to [that code as provided for under Section 58-56-5] a nationally
64	recognized code.
65	(2) The department may enforce the plumbing code adopted [by the Division of
66	Occupational and Professional Licensing] under Section 58-56-4. [The provisions of]
67	(3) Section 58-56-9 [do] does not apply to health inspectors acting under this section.
68	Section 2. Section 53-7-102 is amended to read:
69	53-7-102. Definitions.
70	As used in this chapter:
71	(1) "Board" means the Utah Fire Prevention Board created in Section 53-7-203, except
72	as provided in Part 3, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Act.
73	[(1)] (2) "Director" means the state fire marshal appointed in accordance with Section
74	53-7-103.
75	[(2)] (3) "Division" means the State Fire Marshal Division created in Section 53-7-103.
76	$\left[\frac{3}{4}\right]$ "Fire officer" means:
77	(a) the state fire marshal;
78	(b) the state fire marshal's deputies or salaried assistants;
79	(c) the fire chief or fire marshal of any county, city, or town fire department;
80	(d) the fire officer of any fire district;
81	(e) the fire officer of any special service district organized for fire protection purposes;
82	and
83	(f) authorized personnel of any of the persons specified in Subsections (4)(a) through
84	(e).
85	(5) "Legislative action" includes legislation that:
86	(a) adopts a state fire code;
87	(b) amends a state fire code; or
88	(c) repeals one or more provisions of a state fire code.
89	(6) "State fire code" means the code adopted under Section 53-7-106.

90	[4) [4] (7) "State fire marshal" means the fire marshal appointed director by the
91	commissioner under Section 53-7-103.
92	Section 3. Section 53-7-103 is amended to read:
93	53-7-103. State Fire Marshal Division Creation State fire marshal
94	Appointment, qualifications, duties, and compensation.
95	(1) There is created within the department the State Fire Marshal Division.
96	(2) (a) The director of the division is the state fire marshal, who shall be appointed by
97	the commissioner upon the recommendation of the Utah Fire Prevention Board created in
98	Section 53-7-203 and with the approval of the governor.
99	(b) The state fire marshal is the executive and administrative head of the division, and
100	shall be qualified by experience and education to:
101	(i) enforce the state fire code;
102	(ii) enforce rules made under this chapter; and
103	(iii) perform the duties prescribed by the commissioner.
104	(3) The state fire marshal acts under the supervision and control of the commissioner
105	and may be removed from [his] the position at the will of the commissioner.
106	(4) The state fire marshal shall:
107	(a) enforce the state fire code rules made under this chapter [as provided] in accordance
108	with Section 53-7-104;
109	(b) complete the duties assigned by the commissioner;
110	(c) examine plans and specifications for school buildings, as required by Section
111	53A-20-104;
112	(d) approve criteria established by the state superintendent for building inspectors;
113	(e) promote and support injury prevention public education programs; and
114	(f) perform all other duties provided in this chapter.
115	(5) The state fire marshal shall receive compensation as provided by Title 67, Chapter
116	19, Utah State Personnel Management Act.
117	Section 4. Section 53-7-104 is amended to read:
118	53-7-104. Enforcement of state fire code and rules Division of authority and
119	responsibility.
120	(1) The authority and responsibility for enforcing the state fire code and rules made

121	under this chapter is divided as provided in this section.
122	(2) The fire officers of any city or county shall enforce the state fire code and rules of
123	the state fire marshal in their respective areas.
124	(3) The state fire marshal may enforce the state fire code and rules in:
125	(a) areas outside of corporate cities, fire protection districts, and other local districts or
126	special service districts organized for fire protection purposes; [and]
127	(b) state-owned property, school district owned property, and privately owned property
128	used for schools located within corporate cities and county fire protection districts, asylums,
129	mental hospitals, hospitals, sanitariums, homes for the aged, residential health-care facilities,
130	children's homes or institutions, or similar institutional type occupancy of any capacity[-]; and
131	[(4)] (c) [The state fire marshal may enforce the rules in] corporate cities, counties, fire
132	protection districts, and special service districts organized for fire protection purposes upon
133	receiving a request from the chief fire official or the local governing body.
134	Section 5. Section 53-7-106 is amended to read:
135	53-7-106. Adoption of state fire code.
136	(1) [A] (a) The state fire code is:
137	(i) a code promulgated by a nationally recognized code authority [and] that is adopted
138	by the Legislature under [Section 58-56-4 is the state fire code,] this section with any
139	modifications; and
140	(ii) a code to which cities, counties, fire protection districts, and the state shall adhere
141	in safeguarding life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion.
142	[(2) (a) The legislative body of a political subdivision may make ordinances that are
143	more restrictive in its fire code requirements than the state fire code, in order to meet the public
144	safety needs of the political subdivision.]
145	[(b) The legislative body of a political subdivision shall provide to the Utah Fire
146	Prevention Board one copy of each ordinance enacted under Subsection (2)(a).]
147	[(c) The state fire marshal shall keep an indexed copy of the ordinances.]
148	[(d) Copies of the ordinances are available from the state fire marshal on request.]
149	(b) On and after July 1, 2010, the state fire code is the state fire code in effect on July
150	1, 2010, until in accordance with this section:
151	(i) a new state fire code is adopted; or

152	(ii) one or more provisions of the state fire code are amended or repealed in accordance
153	with this section.
154	(c) A provision of the state fire code may be applicable:
155	(i) to the entire state; or
156	(ii) within a city, county, or fire protection district.
157	(2) (a) The Legislature shall adopt a state fire code by enacting legislation that adopts a
158	nationally recognized fire code with any modifications.
159	(b) Legislation enacted under this Subsection (2) shall state that it takes effect on the
160	July 1 after the day on which the legislation is enacted, unless otherwise stated in the
161	legislation.
162	(c) Subject to Subsection (5), a state fire code adopted by the Legislature is the state
163	fire code until in accordance with this section the Legislature adopts a new state fire code by:
164	(i) adopting a new state fire code in its entirety; or
165	(ii) amending or repealing one or more provisions of the state fire code.
166	(3) (a) The board shall by no later than November 30 of each year recommend to the
167	Business and Labor Interim Committee whether the Legislature should:
168	(i) amend or repeal one or more provisions of the state fire code; or
169	(ii) in a year of a regularly scheduled update of a nationally recognized fire code, adopt
170	with any modifications the nationally recognized fire code.
171	(b) The board may recommend legislative action related to the state fire code:
172	(i) on its own initiative; or
173	(ii) upon the receipt of a request by a city, county, or fire protection district that the
174	board recommend legislative action related to the state fire code.
175	(c) Within 45 days after receipt of a request under Subsection (3)(b), the board shall
176	direct the division to convene an informal hearing concerning the request.
177	(d) The board shall conduct a hearing under this section in accordance with the rules of
178	the board.
179	(e) The board shall decide whether to include in the report required under Subsection
180	(3)(a) whether to recommend the legislative action raised by a request.
181	(f) Within 15 days following the completion of a hearing of the board under this
182	Subsection (3), the board shall direct the division to notify the entity that made the request of

183	the board's decision regarding the request. The division shall provide the notice:
184	(i) in writing; and
185	(ii) in a form prescribed by the board.
186	(4) If the Business and Labor Interim Committee decides to recommend legislative
187	action to the Legislature, the Business and Labor Interim Committee shall prepare legislation
188	for consideration by the Legislature in the next general session that if passed by the Legislature
189	would:
190	(a) adopt a new state fire code in its entirety; or
191	(b) amend or repeal one or more provisions of the state fire code.
192	(5) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), the board may, in accordance with Title 63G,
193	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, amend a state fire code if the board
194	determines that waiting for legislative action in the next general legislative session would:
195	(i) cause an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare; or
196	(ii) place a person in violation of federal or other state law.
197	(b) If the board amends a state fire code in accordance with this Subsection (5), the
198	board shall:
199	(i) publish the state fire code with the amendment; and
200	(ii) notify the Business and Labor Interim Committee of the adoption, including a copy
201	of an analysis by the board identifying specific reasons and justifications for its findings.
202	(c) If not formally adopted by the Legislature at its next annual general session, an
203	amendment to a state fire code adopted under this Subsection (5) is repealed on the July 1
204	immediately following the next annual general session that follows the adoption of the
205	amendment.
206	(6) (a) A legislative body of a political subdivision may enact an ordinance that is more
207	restrictive in its fire code requirements than the state fire code:
208	(i) in order to meet a public safety need of the political subdivision; and
209	(ii) subject to the requirements of this Subsection (6).
210	(b) A legislative body of a political subdivision that enacts an ordinance under this
211	section on or after July 1, 2010 shall:
212	(i) notify the board in writing at least 30 days before the day on which the legislative
213	body enacts the ordinance and include in the notice a statement as to the proposed subject

214	matter of the ordinance; and
215	(ii) after the legislative body enacts the ordinance, report to the board prior to the board
216	making the report required under Subsection (6)(c), including providing the board:
217	(A) a copy of the ordinance enacted under this Subsection (6); and
218	(B) a description of the public safety need that is the basis of enacting the ordinance.
219	(c) The board shall submit to the Business and Labor Interim Committee each year
220	with the recommendations submitted in accordance with Subsection (3):
221	(i) a list of the ordinances enacted under this Subsection (6) during the fiscal year
222	immediately proceeding the report; and
223	(ii) recommendations, if any, for legislative action related to an ordinance enacted
224	under this Subsection (6).
225	(d) (i) The state fire marshal shall keep an indexed copy of an ordinance enacted under
226	this Subsection (6).
227	(ii) The state fire marshal shall make a copy of an ordinance enacted under this
228	Subsection (6) available on request.
229	(e) The board may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
230	Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish procedures for a legislative body of a political
231	subdivision to follow to provide the notice and report required under this Subsection (6).
232	Section 6. Section 53-7-202 is amended to read:
233	53-7-202. Definitions.
234	As used in this part:
235	(1) "Agricultural and wildlife fireworks" means a class C dangerous explosive that:
236	(a) uses sound or light when deployed; and
237	(b) is designated to prevent crop damage or unwanted animals from entering a
238	specified area.
239	[(2) "Board" means the Utah Fire Prevention Board created in Section 53-7-203.]
240	[(3)] (2) "Class A explosive" means a division 1.1 or 1.2 explosive as defined by the
241	[U.S.] <u>United States</u> Department of Transportation in Part 173, Title 49, Code of Federal
242	Regulations.
243	[(4)] (3) "Class B explosive" means a division 1.2 or 1.3G explosive as defined by the
244	[U.S.] United States Department of Transportation in Part 173. Title 49. Code of Federal

245	Regulations.
246	[(5)] (4) "Class C explosive" means a division 1.4G explosive as defined by the [U.S.]
247	<u>United States</u> Department of Transportation in Part 173, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations
248	[(6)] (5) (a) "Class C common state approved explosive" means a class C explosive
249	that is:
250	(i) a cardboard or heavy paper cylindrical tube or cone that:
251	(A) produces a shower of color and sparks that reach a maximum height of 15 feet;
252	(B) may whistle or pop; and
253	(C) is not designed to explode or leave the ground;
254	(ii) a pyrotechnic wheel device that:
255	(A) may be attached to a post or tree; and
256	(B) contains up to six "driver" units or tubes;
257	(iii) any device that:
258	(A) spins, jumps, or emits popping sounds when placed on the ground;
259	(B) does not exceed a height of 15 feet when discharged; and
260	(C) does not travel laterally more than 10 feet on a smooth surface when discharged;
261	(iv) a morning glory, suzuki, or flitter sparkler; and
262	(v) a single tube day type parachute that does not carry any flare or flame upon descent
263	(b) "Class C common state approved explosive" does not mean:
264	(i) class C dangerous explosives; or
265	(ii) exempt explosives.
266	[(7)] (6) (a) "Class C dangerous explosive" means a class C explosive that is:
267	(i) a firecracker, cannon cracker, salute, cherry bomb, or other similar explosive;
268	(ii) a skyrocket or any device other than a model rocket that uses combustible or
269	explosive material and rises more than 15 feet when discharged;
270	(iii) a roman candle or other device that discharges balls of fire over 15 feet in height;
271	(iv) a tube or cone aerial firework that propels comets, shells, salutes, flash shells, or
272	similar devices more than 15 feet into the air; and
273	(v) a chaser, whistler, or other device that darts or travels more than 10 feet laterally or
274	a smooth surface or exceeds 15 feet in height when discharged.
275	(b) A "class C dangerous explosive" does not mean:

276	(i) class C common state approved explosives; or
277	(ii) exempt explosives.
278	[(8)] (7) "Display fireworks" means an aerial shell, salute, flash shell, comet, sky battle
279	mine, and any similar class C explosive or class B explosive.
280	[(9)] (8) (a) "Display operator" means the person who purchases and is responsible for
281	setting up and discharging display fireworks.
282	(b) "Display operator" does not mean a fire department.
283	[(10)] (9) "Exempt explosive" means a model rocket, toy pistol cap, emergency signal
284	flare, snake or glow worm, party popper, trick noisemaker, match, and wire sparkler under 12
285	inches in length.
286	[(11)] <u>(10)</u> (a) "Fireworks" means:
287	(i) class C explosives;
288	(ii) class C dangerous explosives; and
289	(iii) class C common state approved explosives.
290	(b) "Fireworks" does not mean:
291	(i) exempt explosives;
292	(ii) class A explosives; and
293	(iii) class B explosives.
294	[(12)] (11) "Importer" means a person who brings class B or class C explosives into
295	Utah for the general purpose of resale within the state or exportation to other states.
296	[(13)] (12) (a) "Pyrotechnic" means any composition or device manufactured or used to
297	produce a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation.
298	(b) "Pyrotechnic" does not mean exempt explosives.
299	[(14)] (13) "Retail seller" means a person who sells class C common state approved
300	explosives to the public during the period authorized under Section 53-7-225.
301	[(15) "State fire code" means a nationally recognized fire code administered by the
302	Utah Fire Prevention Board pursuant to Section 53-7-204.]
303	[(16)] (14) "Trick noisemaker" includes a:
304	(a) tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition that produces a white or colored
305	smoke as its primary effect when ignited; and
306	(b) device that produces a small report intended to surprise the user, including a:

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307	(i) "booby trap," which is a small tube with a string protruding from both ends that
308	ignites the friction sensitive composition in the tube when the string is pulled;
309	(ii) "snapper," which is a small paper-wrapped device containing a minute quantity of
310	explosive composition coated on bits of sand that explodes producing a small report;
311	(iii) "trick match," which is a kitchen or book match coated with a small quantity of
312	explosive or pyrotechnic composition that produces a small shower of sparks when ignited;
313	(iv) "cigarette load," which is a small wooden peg coated with a small quantity of
314	explosive composition that produces a small report when the cigarette is ignited; and
315	(v) "auto burglar alarm," which is a tube that:
316	(A) contains pyrotechnic composition that produces a loud whistle and smoke when
317	ignited;
318	(B) may contain a small quantity of explosive to produce a small explosive noise; and
319	(C) is ignited by a squib.
320	[(17)] (15) "Unclassified fireworks" means any of the following:
321	(a) a pyrotechnic device that is used, given away, or offered for sale, that has not been
322	tested, approved, and classified by the [U.S.] <u>United States</u> Department of Transportation;
323	(b) an approved device that has been altered or redesigned since obtaining approval by
324	the [U.S.] <u>United States</u> Department of Transportation; and
325	(c) a pyrotechnic device that is being tested by a manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler
326	before receiving approval by the [U.S.] <u>United States</u> Department of Transportation.
327	[(18)] (16) "Wholesaler" means any of the following:
328	(a) a person who sells class C common state approved explosives to a retailer; and
329	(b) a person who sells class B explosives or class C dangerous explosives for display
330	use.
331	Section 7. Section 53-7-204 is amended to read:
332	53-7-204. Duties of Utah Fire Prevention Board Local administrative duties.
333	(1) The board shall:
334	(a) administer the state fire code as the standard in the state;
335	[(a)] (b) subject to the state fire code, make rules in accordance with Title 63G,
336	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act:
337	[(i) administer a nationally recognized fire code and the specific edition of that fire

000	code as the state fire code to be used as the standard;
339	[(ii)] (i) establishing [minimum] standards for the prevention of fire and for the
340	protection of life and property against fire and panic in any:
341	(A) publicly owned building, including all public and private schools, colleges, and
342	university buildings;
343	(B) building or structure used or intended for use as an asylum, a mental hospital, a
344	hospital, a sanitarium, a home for the aged, an assisted living facility, a children's home or day
345	care center, or any similar institutional type occupancy of any capacity; and
346	(C) place of assemblage where 50 or more persons may gather together in a building,
347	structure, tent, or room for the purpose of amusement, entertainment, instruction, or education;
348	[(iii)] (ii) establishing safety and other requirements for placement and discharge of
349	display fireworks [based upon] on the basis of:
350	(A) the [specific edition of the nationally recognized fire code adopted by the
351	Legislature under Section 58-56-4] state fire code; and
352	(B) relevant publications of the National Fire Protection Association;
353	[(iv)] (iii) establishing [minimum] safety standards for retail storage, handling, and sale
354	of class C common state approved explosives;
355	[(v)] (iv) defining methods to establish proof of competence to place and discharge
356	display fireworks;
357	[(vi)] (v) for deputizing qualified persons to act as deputy fire marshals, and to secure
358	special services in emergencies;
359	[(vii)] (vi) implementing [Sections 53-7-106 and 53-7-205] Section 53-7-106;
360	[(viii)] (vii) setting guidelines for use of funding;
361	[(ix)] (viii) establishing criteria for training and safety equipment grants for fire
362	departments enrolled in firefighter certification; and
363	[(x)] (ix) establishing [minimum] ongoing training standards for hazardous materials
364	emergency response agencies;
365	[(b)] (c) recommend to the commissioner a state fire marshal;
366	$[\frac{(c)}{d}]$ develop policies under which the state fire marshal and the state fire marshal's
367	authorized representatives will perform;
368	[(d)] (e) provide for the employment of field assistants and other salaried personnel as

369	required;
370	[(e)] (f) prescribe the duties of the state fire marshal and the state fire marshal's
371	authorized representatives;
372	[(f)] (g) establish a statewide fire prevention, fire education, and fire service training
373	program in cooperation with the Board of Regents;
374	[(g)] (h) establish a statewide fire statistics program for the purpose of gathering fire
375	data from all political subdivisions of the state;
376	[(h)] (i) establish a fire academy in accordance with Section 53-7-204.2;
377	[(i)] (j) coordinate the efforts of all people engaged in fire suppression in the state;
378	[(j)] <u>(k)</u> work aggressively with the local political subdivisions to reduce fire losses;
379	[(k)] (1) regulate the sale and servicing of portable fire extinguishers and automatic fire
380	suppression systems in the interest of safeguarding lives and property;
381	[(1)] <u>(m)</u> establish a certification program for persons who inspect and test automatic
382	fire sprinkler systems;
383	[(m)] (n) establish a certification program for persons who inspect and test fire alarm
384	systems;
385	[(n)] (o) establish a certification for persons who provide response services regarding
386	hazardous materials emergencies; Ĥ→ [and] ←Ĥ
387	[(o)] (p) in accordance with Section [58-56-4, make a] 53-7-106 report to the Business
388	and Labor Interim Committee [by:] Ĥ→ [:]; and
388a	(q) jointly create the Unified Code Analysis Council with the Uniform Building Code
388b	Commission in accordance with Subsection 58-56-5(12). ←Ĥ
389	[(i) no later than November 30 of each year recommending any amendments to the
390	currently adopted fire code; and]
391	[(ii) no later than November 30 in a year of a regularly scheduled update cycle of a
392	nationally promulgated fire code recommending the adoption of, amendment to, or repeal of
393	the updated nationally promulgated fire code.]
394	(2) The board may incorporate in its rules by reference, in whole or in part[5]:
395	(a) the state fire code; or
396	(b) subject to the state fire code, a nationally recognized and readily available
397	[standards and codes adopted by the Legislature] standard pertaining to the protection of life
398	and property from fire, explosion, or panic.
399	(3) (a) The board shall recommend to the Legislature in accordance with Subsection

400	(1)(o) amendments to the state fire code adopted by the Legislature in accordance with Section
401	58-56-7.]
402	[(b) The amendments, as adopted by the Legislature, may be applicable to the entire
403	state or within a city, county, or fire protection district.]
404	[(4)] (3) The following functions shall be administered locally by a city, county, or fire
405	protection district:
406	(a) issuing permits, including open burning permits pursuant to Sections 11-7-1 and
407	19-2-114; Ĥ→ [and] ←Ĥ
408	(b) creating a local board of appeals in accordance with the state fire code $\hat{H} \rightarrow [f]$; and $[f]$
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409	[f] (c) subject to the state fire code and the other provisions of this chapter, establishing,
409a	modifying, or deleting fire flow and water supply requirements. [ਰ] ←Ĥ
410	Section 8. Section 53-7-209 is amended to read:
411	53-7-209. Inspection of buildings by officials.
412	(1) A fire chief or officer may enter $[any]$ <u>a</u> building or premises not used as a private
413	dwelling at any reasonable hour to inspect the building or premises and enforce the rules made
414	under this part[, including] and the state fire code [adopted under Section 58-56-4].
415	(2) The owner, lessee, manager, or operator of [any] <u>a</u> building or premises not used as
416	a private dwelling shall permit inspections under this section.
417	Section 9. Section 53A-20c-102 is amended to read:
418	53A-20c-102. Energy Efficiency Fund Contents Use of fund monies.
419	(1) As used in this section:
420	(a) "Board" means the Board of the Utah Geological Survey.
421	(b) "Energy code" means the energy efficiency code adopted [by the Division of
422	Occupational and Professional Licensing under Section 58-56-4.
423	(c) "Energy efficiency project" means:
424	(i) for existing buildings, a retrofit to improve energy efficiency; or
425	(ii) for new buildings, an enhancement to improve energy efficiency beyond the
426	minimum required by the energy code.
427	(d) "Fund" means the Energy Efficiency Fund created by this part.
428	(2) There is created a revolving loan fund known as the Energy Efficiency Fund.
429	(3) The fund shall consist of:
430	(a) monies appropriated to it by the Legislature;

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431	(b) monies received for the repayment of loans made from the fund;
432	(c) monies made available to the state for energy efficiency from any source; and
433	(d) interest earned on the fund.
434	(4) (a) The board shall make loans from the fund only to school districts to finance
435	energy efficiency projects in school district buildings, including paying the costs of
436	construction, engineering, investigation, inspection, and other related expenses.
437	(b) The board may not:
438	(i) make loans from the fund to finance a school district's compliance with the energy
439	code in the construction of a new building;
440	(ii) make a loan from the fund with a term of less than two years or more than 12 years;
441	or
442	(iii) make loans from the fund to any entity other than a school district.
443	(5) (a) (i) Each school district seeking a loan shall submit an application to the board in
444	the form and containing the information that the board requires, which shall include the plans
445	and specifications for the proposed energy efficiency project.
446	(ii) In the application, the school district may request a loan to cover all or part of the
447	cost of an energy efficiency project.
448	(b) If an application is rejected, the board shall notify the applicant stating the reasons
449	for the rejection.
450	(6) (a) By following the procedures and requirements of Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
451	Administrative Rulemaking Act, the board shall make rules establishing criteria for:
452	(i) determining eligibility for loans; and
453	(ii) determining appropriate priorities among projects.
454	(b) In making rules governing determining priorities for eligible projects, the board
455	may consider:
456	(i) possible additional sources of revenue;
457	(ii) the feasibility and practicality of the project;
458	(iii) the energy savings attributable to an eligible energy efficiency project;
459	(iv) the annual energy cost savings attributable to an eligible energy efficiency project;
460	(v) the projected energy cost payback of an eligible energy efficiency project;
461	(vi) the financial need of the public facility owner;

462	(vii) the environmental and other benefits to the state and local community attributable		
463	to an eligible energy efficiency project; and		
464	(viii) the availability of federal funds for the project.		
465	(7) (a) In approving a project, the board shall:		
466	(i) review the loan application and the plans and specifications for the project;		
467	(ii) determine whether or not to grant the loan by applying its eligibility criteria; and		
468	(iii) if the loan is granted, prioritize the project by applying its priority criteria.		
469	(b) The board may condition approval of a loan request and the availability of funds on		
470	assurances from the school district that the board considers necessary to ensure that:		
471	(i) the proceeds of the loan will be used to pay the cost of the project; and		
472	(ii) the project will be completed.		
473	(8) Employees of the state energy program shall serve as staff to the board when it		
474	performs the duties established in this section.		
475	Section 10. Section 58-55-305 is amended to read:		
476	58-55-305. Exemptions from licensure.		
477	(1) In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, the following		
478	persons may engage in acts or practices included within the practice of construction trades,		
479	subject to the stated circumstances and limitations, without being licensed under this chapter:		
480	(a) an authorized representative of the United States government or an authorized		
481	employee of the state or any of its political subdivisions when working on construction work of		
482	the state or the subdivision, and when acting within the terms of the person's trust, office, or		
483	employment;		
484	(b) a person engaged in construction or operation incidental to the construction and		
485	repair of irrigation and drainage ditches of regularly constituted irrigation districts, reclamation		
486	districts, and drainage districts or construction and repair relating to farming, dairying,		
487	agriculture, livestock or poultry raising, metal and coal mining, quarries, sand and gravel		
488	excavations, well drilling, as defined in Section 73-3-25, hauling to and from construction		
489	sites, and lumbering;		
490	(c) public utilities operating under the rules of the Public Service Commission on		
491	construction work incidental to their own business;		
492	(d) sole owners of property engaged in building:		

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493	(i) no more than one residential structure per year and no more than three residential
494	structures per five years on their property for their own noncommercial, nonpublic use; except,
495	a person other than the property owner or individuals described in Subsection (1)(e), who
496	engages in building the structure must be licensed under this chapter if the person is otherwise
497	required to be licensed under this chapter; or
498	(ii) structures on their property for their own noncommercial, nonpublic use which are
499	incidental to a residential structure on the property, including sheds, carports, or detached
500	garages;
501	(e) (i) a person engaged in construction or renovation of a residential building for
502	noncommercial, nonpublic use if that person:
503	(A) works without compensation other than token compensation that is not considered
504	salary or wages; and
505	(B) works under the direction of the property owner who engages in building the
506	structure; and
507	(ii) as used in this Subsection (1)(e), "token compensation" means compensation paid
508	by a sole owner of property exempted from licensure under Subsection (1)(d) to a person
509	exempted from licensure under this Subsection (1)(e), that is:
510	(A) minimal in value when compared with the fair market value of the services

(A) minimal in value when compared with the fair market value of the services provided by the person;

- (B) not related to the fair market value of the services provided by the person; and
- (C) is incidental to the providing of services by the person including paying for or providing meals or refreshment while services are being provided, or paying reasonable transportation costs incurred by the person in travel to the site of construction;
- (f) a person engaged in the sale or merchandising of personal property that by its design or manufacture may be attached, installed, or otherwise affixed to real property who has contracted with a person, firm, or corporation licensed under this chapter to install, affix, or attach that property;
- (g) a contractor submitting a bid on a federal aid highway project, if, before undertaking construction under that bid, the contractor is licensed under this chapter;
- (h) (i) a person engaged in the alteration, repair, remodeling, or addition to or improvement of a building with a contracted or agreed value of less than \$3,000, including

524 both labor and materials, and including all changes or additions to the contracted or agreed 525 upon work; and 526 (ii) notwithstanding Subsection (1)(h)(i) and except as otherwise provided in this 527 section: 528 (A) work in the plumbing and electrical trades on a Subsection (1)(h)(i) project within 529 any six month period of time: 530 (I) must be performed by a licensed electrical or plumbing contractor, if the project 531 involves an electrical or plumbing system; and 532 (II) may be performed by a licensed journeyman electrician or plumber or an individual 533 referred to in Subsection (1)(h)(ii)(A)(I), if the project involves a component of the system 534 such as a faucet, toilet, fixture, device, outlet, or electrical switch; 535 (B) installation, repair, or replacement of a residential or commercial gas appliance or a 536 combustion system on a Subsection (1)(h)(i) project must be performed by a person who has 537 received certification under Subsection 58-55-308(2) except as otherwise provided in 538 Subsection 58-55-308(2)(d) or 58-55-308(3); 539 (C) installation, repair, or replacement of water-based fire protection systems on a 540 Subsection (1)(h)(i) project must be performed by a licensed fire suppression systems 541 contractor or a licensed journeyman plumber; 542 (D) work as an alarm business or company or as an alarm company agent shall be 543 performed by a licensed alarm business or company or a licensed alarm company agent, except 544 as otherwise provided in this chapter; 545 (E) installation, repair, or replacement of an alarm system on a Subsection (1)(h)(i) 546 project must be performed by a licensed alarm business or company or a licensed alarm 547 company agent; 548 (F) installation, repair, or replacement of a heating, ventilation, or air conditioning 549 system (HVAC) on a Subsection (1)(h)(i) project must be performed by an HVAC contractor 550 licensed by the division; 551 (G) installation, repair, or replacement of a radon mitigation system or a soil 552 depressurization system must be performed by a licensed contractor; and

(H) if the total value of the project is greater than \$1,000, the person shall file with the

division a one-time affirmation, subject to periodic reaffirmation as established by division

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- (I) public liability insurance in coverage amounts and form established by division rule; and
- (II) if applicable, workers compensation insurance which would cover an employee of the person if that employee worked on the construction project;
- (i) a person practicing a specialty contractor classification or construction trade which the director does not classify by administrative rule as significantly impacting the public's health, safety, and welfare;
- (j) owners and lessees of property and persons regularly employed for wages by owners or lessees of property or their agents for the purpose of maintaining the property, are exempt from this chapter when doing work upon the property;
- (k) (i) a person engaged in minor plumbing work incidental to the replacement or repair of a fixture or an appliance in a residential or small commercial building, or structure used for agricultural use, as defined in Section [58-56-4] 58-56-3, provided that no modification is made to:
 - (A) existing culinary water, soil, waste, or vent piping; or
 - (B) a gas appliance or combustion system; and
- (ii) except as provided in Subsection (1)(e), installation for the first time of a fixture or an appliance is not included in the exemption provided under Subsection (1)(k)(i);
- (l) a person who ordinarily would be subject to the plumber licensure requirements under this chapter when installing or repairing a water conditioner or other water treatment apparatus if the conditioner or apparatus:
 - (i) meets the appropriate state construction codes or local plumbing standards; and
- (ii) is installed or repaired under the direction of a person authorized to do the work under an appropriate specialty contractor license;
- (m) a person who ordinarily would be subject to the electrician licensure requirements under this chapter when employed by:
- (i) railroad corporations, telephone corporations or their corporate affiliates, elevator contractors or constructors, or street railway systems; or
- (ii) public service corporations, rural electrification associations, or municipal utilities who generate, distribute, or sell electrical energy for light, heat, or power;

586	(n) a person involved in minor electrical work incidental to a mechanical or service	
587	installation;	
588	(o) a student participating in construction trade education and training programs	
589	approved by the commission with the concurrence of the director under the condition that:	
590	(i) all work intended as a part of a finished product on which there would normally be	
591	an inspection by a building inspector is, in fact, inspected and found acceptable by a licensed	
592	building inspector; and	
593	(ii) a licensed contractor obtains the necessary building permits; and	
594	(p) a delivery person when replacing any of the following existing equipment with a	
595	new gas appliance, provided there is an existing gas shutoff valve at the appliance:	
596	(i) gas range;	
597	(ii) gas dryer;	
598	(iii) outdoor gas barbeque; or	
599	(iv) outdoor gas patio heater.	
500	(2) A compliance agency as defined in Subsection 58-56-3(4) that issues a building	
501	permit to a person requesting a permit as a sole owner of property referred to in Subsection	
502	(1)(d) shall notify the division, in writing or through electronic transmission, of the issuance of	
503	the permit.	
504	Section 11. Section 58-56-3 is amended to read:	
505	58-56-3. Definitions.	
606	In addition to the definitions in Section 58-1-102, as used in this chapter:	
507	[(1) (a) "Adopted code" means:]	
608	[(i) (A) a new edition of or amendment to an existing code, including the standards and	
509	specifications contained in the code, adopted by the Legislature under Section 58-56-7; and]	
510	[(B) administered by the division under Section 58-56-6; and]	
511	[(ii) adopted by a nationally recognized code authority, including:]	
512	[(A) a building code;]	
513	[(B) the National Electrical Code promulgated by the National Fire Protection	
514	Association;]	
515	[(C) a residential one and two family dwelling code;]	
516	[(D) a plumbing code:]	

617	[(E) a mechanical code;]
618	[(F) a fuel gas code;]
619	[(G) an energy conservation code; and]
620	[(H) a manufactured housing installation standard code.]
621	[(b) "Adopted code" includes:]
622	[(i) a fire code administered by the Fire Prevention Board under Section 53-7-204; and]
623	[(ii) a code listed in Subsection (1)(a)(ii) that was adopted or amended by the division
624	and Uniform Building Code Commission or the Fire Protection Board before May 12, 2009.]
625	(1) "Agricultural use" means a use that relates to the tilling of soil and raising of crops,
626	or keeping or raising domestic animals.
627	(2) (a) [(i)] "Approved code" means a code, including the standards and specifications
628	contained in the code, approved by the division under Section 58-56-4 for use by a compliance
629	agency[; and].
630	[(ii) administered by the division under Section 58-56-6.]
631	(b) "Approved code" does not include [an adopted] a state construction code [listed
632	under Subsection (1)(b)].
633	[(3) "Board" means the Fire Prevention Board created in Section 53-7-203.]
634	[(4)] (3) "Building" means a structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any
635	use or occupancy and any improvements attached to it.
636	(4) "Code" means:
637	(a) a state construction code; or
638	(b) an approved code.
639	(5) "Commission" means the Uniform Building Code Commission created under this
640	chapter.
641	(6) "Compliance agency" means:
642	(a) an agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions which issues permits for
643	construction regulated under the codes;
644	(b) any other agency of the state or its political subdivisions specifically empowered to
645	enforce compliance with the codes; or
646	(c) any other state agency which chooses to enforce codes adopted under this chapter
647	by authority given the agency under a title other than Title 58. Occupations and Professions.

648	(7) "Construction code" means standards and specifications published by a nationally
649	recognized code authority for use in circumstances described in Subsection 58-56-4(1),
650	including:
651	(a) a building code:
652	(b) an electrical code;
653	(c) a residential one and two family dwelling code;
654	(d) a plumbing code;
655	(e) a mechanical code;
656	(f) a fuel gas code;
657	(g) an energy conservation code; and
658	(h) a manufactured housing installation standard code.
659	[(7)] (8) "Factory built housing" means manufactured homes or mobile homes.
660	[(8)] (9) (a) "Factory built housing set-up contractor" means an individual licensed by
661	the division to set up or install factory built housing on a temporary or permanent basis.
662	(b) The scope of the work included under the license includes the placement or
663	securing, or both placement and securing, of the factory built housing on a permanent or
664	temporary foundation, securing the units together if required, and connection of the utilities to
665	the factory built housing unit, but does not include site preparation, construction of a
666	permanent foundation, and construction of utility services to the near proximity of the factory
667	built housing unit.
668	(c) If a dealer is not licensed as a factory built housing set-up contractor, that individual
669	must subcontract the connection services to individuals who are licensed by the division to
670	perform those specific functions under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades
671	Licensing Act.
672	[(9)] (10) "HUD code" means the National Manufactured Housing Construction and
673	Safety Standards Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5401 et seq.
674	[(10)] (11) "Legislative action" [means the Legislature's] includes legislation that:
675	(a) [adoption of] adopts a new [adopted] state construction code;
676	(b) [adoption of an amendment to an existing adopted] amends a state construction
677	code; <u>or</u>
678	(c) [repeal of an adopted] repeals one or more provisions of a state construction code[:

679	<u>or].</u>
680	[(d) repeal of a provision of an adopted code.]
681	$[(11)]$ (12) "Local regulator" means $[each]$ \underline{a} political subdivision of the state $[which]$
682	that is empowered to engage in the regulation of construction, alteration, remodeling, building,
683	repair, and other activities subject to the codes.
684	[(12)] (13) (a) "Manufactured home" means a transportable factory built housing unit
685	constructed on or after June 15, 1976, according to the HUD Code, in one or more sections,
686	which:
687	(i) in the traveling mode, is eight body feet or more in width or 40 body feet or more in
688	length, or when erected on site, is 400 or more square feet; and
689	(ii) is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or
690	without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the
691	plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems.
692	(b) Manufactured homes constructed on or after June 15, 1976, shall be identifiable by
693	the manufacturer's data plate bearing the date the unit was manufactured and a HUD label
694	attached to the exterior of the home certifying the home was manufactured to HUD standards.
695	[(13)] (14) "Mobile home" means a transportable factory built housing unit built prior
696	to June 15, 1976, in accordance with a state mobile home code which existed prior to the HUD
697	Code.
698	[(14)] (15) "Modular unit" means a structure built from sections which are
699	manufactured in accordance with the <u>state</u> construction [standards] <u>code</u> adopted pursuant to
700	Section 58-56-4 and transported to a building site, the purpose of which is for human
701	habitation, occupancy, or use.
702	(16) "Not for human occupancy" means use of a structure for purposes other than
703	protection or comfort of human beings, but allows people to enter the structure for:
704	(a) maintenance and repair; and
705	(b) the care of livestock, crops, or equipment intended for agricultural use which are
706	<u>kept there.</u>
707	[(15)] (17) "Opinion" means a written, nonbinding, and advisory statement issued by
708	the commission concerning an interpretation of the meaning of the codes or the application of
709	the codes in a specific circumstance issued in response to a specific request by a party to the

710	issue.
711	(18) "State construction code" means a construction code adopted by the Legislature in
712	accordance with Section 58-56-4.
713	[(16)] (19) "State regulator" means an agency of the state which is empowered to
714	engage in the regulation of construction, alteration, remodeling, building, repair, and other
715	activities subject to the codes adopted pursuant to this chapter.
716	Section 12. Section 58-56-4 is amended to read:
717	58-56-4. Adoption of state construction code Amendments Approval of other
718	codes Exemptions.
719	[(1) As used in this section:]
720	[(a) "agricultural use" means a use that relates to the tilling of soil and raising of crops,
721	or keeping or raising domestic animals;]
722	[(b) "not for human occupancy" means use of a structure for purposes other than
723	protection or comfort of human beings, but allows people to enter the structure for:]
724	[(i) maintenance and repair; and]
725	[(ii) the care of livestock, crops, or equipment intended for agricultural use which are
726	kept there; and]
727	[(c) "residential area" means land that is not used for an agricultural use and is:]
728	[(i) (A) within the boundaries of a city or town; and]
729	[(B) less than five contiguous acres;]
730	[(ii) (A) within a subdivision for which the county has approved a subdivision plat
731	under Title 17, Chapter 27a, Part 6, Subdivisions; and]
732	[(B) less than two contiguous acres; or]
733	[(iii) not located in whole or in part in an agricultural protection area created under
734	Title 17, Chapter 41, Agriculture and Industrial Protection Areas.]
735	(1) (a) A state construction code is a construction code adopted with any modifications
736	in accordance with this section that the state and each political subdivision of the state shall
737	follow.
738	[(2)] (b) A person shall [follow an adopted code] comply with the applicable state
739	construction code when:
740	[(a)] (i) new construction is involved; and

741	[(b)] (ii) the owner of an existing building, or the owner's agent, is voluntarily engaged
742	in:
743	[(i)] (A) the repair, renovation, remodeling, alteration, enlargement, rehabilitation,
744	conservation, or reconstruction of the building; or
745	[(ii)] (B) changing the character or use of the building in a manner [which] that
746	increases the occupancy loads, other demands, or safety risks of the building.
747	[(3) (a) Beginning May 12, 2009, the board and commission shall, in accordance with
748	Sections 53-7-204 and 58-56-5, make recommendations to the Business and Labor Interim
749	Committee as to whether or not the Legislature should take legislative action.]
750	(c) On and after July 1, 2010, a state construction code is the state construction code in
751	effect on July 1, 2010, until in accordance with this section:
752	(i) a new state construction code is adopted; or
753	(ii) one or more provisions of the state construction code are amended or repealed in
754	accordance with this section.
755	(d) A provision of a state construction code may be applicable:
756	(i) to the entire state; or
757	(ii) within a county, city, or town.
758	(2) (a) The Legislature shall adopt a state construction code by enacting legislation that
759	adopts a construction code with any modifications.
760	(b) Legislation enacted under this Subsection (2) shall state that it takes effect on the
761	July 1 after the day on which the legislation is enacted, unless otherwise stated in the
762	<u>legislation.</u>
763	(c) Subject to Subsection (5), a state construction code adopted by the Legislature is the
764	state construction code until in accordance with this section the Legislature adopts a new state
765	construction code by:
766	(i) adopting a new state construction code in its entirety; or
767	(ii) amending or repealing one or more provisions of the state construction code.
768	(3) (a) The commission shall by no later than November 30 of each year recommend to
769	the Business and Labor Interim Committee whether the Legislature should:
770	(i) amend or repeal one or more provisions of a state construction code; or
771	(ii) in a year of a regularly scheduled update of a nationally recognized code, adopt a

772	construction code with any modifications.
773	(b) The commission may recommend legislative action related to a state construction
774	code:
775	(i) on its own initiative;
776	(ii) upon the recommendation of the division; or
777	(iii) upon the receipt of a request by one of the following that the commission
778	recommend legislative action related to the state construction code:
779	(A) a local regulator;
780	(B) a state regulator;
781	(C) a state agency involved with the construction and design of a building:
782	(D) the Construction Services Commission;
783	(E) the Electrician Licensing Board;
784	(F) the Plumbers Licensing Board; or
785	(G) a recognized construction-related association.
786	[(b) (i)] (4) If the Business and Labor Interim Committee decides to recommend
787	legislative action to the Legislature, the Business and Labor Interim Committee shall prepare
788	legislation for consideration by the Legislature in the next general session[-] that if passed by
789	the Legislature would:
790	(a) adopt a new state construction code in its entirety; or
791	(b) amend or repeal one or more provisions of a state construction code.
792	[(ii) The legislation described in Subsection (3)(b)(i) shall direct:]
793	[(A) the division to administer an adopted code, excluding the fire code, in accordance
794	with legislative action approved by the Legislature; and]
795	[(B) the board to administer an adopted fire code in accordance with legislative action
796	approved by the Legislature.]
797	[(4)] (5) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), the commission may, in accordance with
798	Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, [adopt an adopted code, except the
799	fire code,] amend a state construction code if the commission determines that waiting for
800	legislative action in the next general legislative session [under Subsection (3)] would:
801	(i) cause an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare; or
802	(ii) place a person in violation of federal or other state law.

803	(b) If the commission [adopts an adopted] amends a state construction code [under
804	Subsection (4)(a)] in accordance with this Subsection (5), the commission shall file with the
805	division:
806	(i) the text of the [adopted] amendment to the state construction code; and
807	(ii) an analysis that includes the specific reasons and justifications for [its] the
808	commission's findings.
809	(c) [The] If a state construction code is amended under this Subsection (5), the division
810	shall[, in accordance with Subsection (4)(b)]:
811	(i) publish the [adopted] amendment to the state construction code in accordance with
812	Section 58-56-6; and
813	(ii) notify the Business and Labor Interim Committee of the [adoption] amendment to
814	the state construction code, including a copy of the commission's analysis described in
815	Subsection (5)(b).
816	(d) If not formally adopted by the Legislature at its next annual general session, an
817	[adopted] amendment to a state construction code [adopted] under this Subsection [(4)] (5) is
818	repealed [effective at midnight on the last day that the Legislature adjourns sine die at its] on
819	the July 1 immediately following the next annual general session that follows the adoption of
820	the amendment.
821	[(5) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), the board may, in accordance with Title 63G,
822	Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, adopt a fire code, if the board determines that
823	waiting for legislative action in the next general legislative session under Subsection (3)
824	would:]
825	[(i) cause an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare; or]
826	[(ii) place a person in violation of federal or other state law.]
827	[(b) The board shall:]
828	[(i) publish the adopted fire code; and]
829	[(ii) notify the Business and Labor Interim Committee of the adoption, including a
830	copy of an analysis by the board identifying specific reasons and justifications for its findings.]
831	[(c) If not formally adopted by the Legislature at its next annual general session, a fire
832	code adopted under this Subsection (5) is repealed effective at midnight on the last day that the
833	Legislature adjourns sine die at its next annual general session.]

834	(6) (a) The division, in consultation with the commission, [has discretion to] may
835	approve, without adopting, [certain] one or more approved codes, including a specific
836	[editions] edition of [the approved codes] a state construction code, for use by a compliance
837	agency.
838	(b) [Under] If the code adopted by a compliance agency is an approved code described
839	in Subsection (6)(a), [a] the compliance agency [has the discretion to] may:
840	(i) adopt an ordinance requiring removal, demolition, or repair of a building[;
841	according to an adopted code];
842	(ii) adopt, by ordinance or rule, a dangerous building code; or
843	(iii) adopt, by ordinance or rule, a building rehabilitation code.
844	(7) (a) Except [in a residential area] as provided in Subsection (7)(b), a structure used
845	solely in conjunction with agriculture use, and not for human occupancy, is [exempted] exempted
846	from the permit requirements of [an adopted] a state construction code.
847	(b) (i) [Notwithstanding] Unless exempted by a provision other than Subsection (7)(a),
848	[unless otherwise exempted,] a plumbing, electrical, and mechanical [permits] permit may be
849	required when that work is included in [the] \underline{a} structure described in Subsection (7)(a).
850	(ii) Unless located in whole or in part in an agricultural protection area created under
851	Title 17, Chapter 41, Agriculture and Industrial Protection Area, a structure described in
852	Subsection (7)(a) is not exempt from a permit requirement if the structure is located on land
853	that is:
854	(A) (I) within the boundaries of a city or town; and
855	(II) less than five contiguous acres; or
856	(B) (I) within a subdivision for which the county has approved a subdivision plat under
857	Title 17, Chapter 27a, Part 6, Subdivisions; and
858	(II) less than two contiguous acres.
859	Section 13. Section 58-56-5 is amended to read:
860	58-56-5. Uniform Building Code Commission Composition of commission
861	Commission duties and responsibilities.
862	(1) There is established a Uniform Building Code Commission to advise the division
863	with respect to the division's responsibilities in administering the codes under this chapter.
864	(2) The commission shall be appointed by the executive director who shall submit

those nominations to the governor for confirmation or rejection. If a nominee is rejected,
alternative names shall be submitted until confirmation is received. Following confirmation by
the governor, the appointment is effective.

- (3) The commission shall consist of 11 members who shall be appointed in accordance with the following:
- (a) one member shall be from among candidates nominated by the Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Utah Association of Counties;
- (b) one member shall be a licensed building inspector employed by a political subdivision of the state;
 - (c) one member shall be a licensed professional engineer;
 - (d) one member shall be a licensed architect;
 - (e) one member shall be a fire official;
- (f) three members shall be contractors licensed by the state, of which one shall be a general contractor, one an electrical contractor, and one a plumbing contractor;
- (g) two members shall be from the general public and have no affiliation with the construction industry or real estate development industry; and
- (h) one member shall be from the Division of Facilities Construction Management, Department of Administrative Services.
- (4) (a) Except as required by Subsection (4)(b), as terms of current commission members expire, the executive director shall appoint each new member or reappointed member to a four-year term.
- (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (4)(a), the executive director shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of commission members are staggered so that approximately half of the commission is appointed every two years.
- (5) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the executive director shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired term.
 - (6) [No] (a) A commission member may not serve more than two full terms[, and no].
- (b) A commission member who ceases to serve may <u>not</u> again serve on the commission until after the expiration of two years from the date of cessation of service.
 - (7) A majority of the commission members [shall] constitute a quorum and may act on

behalf of the commission.

- (8) (a) (i) [Members] A member who [are] is not a government [employees shall receive no] employee may not receive compensation or benefits for [their services] the member's service, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
- (ii) [Members] A member who is not a government employee may decline to receive per diem and expenses for [their] the member's service.
- (b) (i) [State] A state government officer [and] or employee [members] member who [do] does not receive salary, per diem, or expenses from [their] the member's agency for [their] the member's service may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of [their] the member's official duties from the commission at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
- (ii) [State] A state government officer [and] or employee [members] member may decline to receive per diem and expenses for [their] the member's service.
- (c) (i) [Local] A local government [members] member who [do] does not receive salary, per diem, or expenses from the entity that [they represent for their] the member represents for the member's service may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of [their] the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
- (ii) [Local] A local government [members] member may decline to receive per diem and expenses for [their] the member's service.
- (9) (a) The commission shall annually designate one of its members to serve as chair of the commission.
- (b) The division shall provide a secretary to facilitate the function of the commission and to record [its] the commission's actions and recommendations.
 - (10) The commission shall:
- (a) in accordance with Section 58-56-4, [make a] report to the Business and Labor Interim Committee [by no later than November 30 of each year];
- 925 [(b) ensure that the report includes recommendations as to whether or not the
 926 Legislature should take legislative action, excluding any recommendations on the fire code;]

927	[(c)] <u>(b)</u> offer an opinion regarding the interpretation of or the application of [an
928	adopted code, excluding the fire code, or an approved] a code under this chapter if a [party]
929	person submits a request for an opinion;
930	[(d)] <u>(c)</u> act as an appeals board as provided in Section 58-56-8;
931	[(e)] (d) establish advisory peer committees on either a standing or ad hoc basis to
932	advise the commission with respect to matters related to [an adopted] a state construction code,
933	[excluding the fire code,] or approved code, including a committee to advise the commission
934	regarding health matters related to [the] a plumbing code; and
935	[(f)] (e) assist the division in overseeing code-related training in accordance with
936	Section 58-56-9.
937	(11) A [party] person requesting an opinion under Subsection (10)(c) shall submit a
938	formal request clearly stating:
939	(a) the facts in question;
940	(b) the specific [code] citation at issue in a code under this chapter; and
941	(c) the position taken by [all parties] the persons involved in the facts in question.
941a	$\hat{H} \rightarrow (12)$ (a) In a manner consistent with Subsection (10)(d), the commission shall jointly
941b	create with the Utah Fire Prevention Board an advisory peer committee known as the "Unified
941c	Code Analysis Council" to review fire prevention and construction code issues that require
941d	definitive and specific analysis.
941e	(b) The commission and Utah Fire Prevention Board shall jointly, by rule made in
941f	accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Rulemaking Act, provide for:
941g	(i) the appointment of members to the Unified Code Analysis Council; and
941h	(ii) procedures followed by the Unified Code Analysis Council. ←Ĥ
942	Section 14. Section 58-56-6 is amended to read:
943	58-56-6. Codes Division duties and responsibilities.
944	(1) (a) The division shall administer the codes adopted or approved under Section
945	58-56-4 pursuant to this chapter[, but].
946	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), the division has no responsibility [or duty] to:
947	(i) conduct inspections to determine compliance with the codes[7];
948	(ii) issue permits[,]; or
949	(iii) assess building permit fees.
950	(2) [Administration] As part of the administration of the codes adopted or approved
951	under Section 58-56-4 [by] the division shall [include]:
952	(a) comply with Section 58-56-7;
953	[(a)] (b) [scheduling] schedule appropriate hearings;
954	[(b)] (c) [maintaining, publishing for reference, and keeping the] maintain and publish
955	<u>for reference:</u>
956	(i) a current [adopted code, excluding the fire code, and] state construction code; and
057	(ii) any approved code; and

958	[(c) publishing] (d) publish the opinions of the commission with respect to
959	interpretation and application of the codes.
960	Section 15. Section 58-56-7 is amended to read:
961	58-56-7. Code amendment process.
962	(1) (a) [Subject to Subsection (1)(b), the] The division, in consultation with the
963	commission, shall establish by rule the procedure [and manner] under which [requests for] a
964	request that the commission recommend legislative action [to an adopted code shall] is to be:
965	(i) filed with the division;
966	(ii) reviewed by the commission; and
967	(iii) [recommended] addressed by the commission in the commission's report to the
968	Business and Labor Interim Committee [for legislative action in accordance with] required by
969	Section [58-56-5] <u>58-56-4</u> .
970	[(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a), the board shall recommend legislative action to
971	the fire code in accordance with Section 53-7-204.]
972	(2) The division shall accept a request that the commission recommend legislative
973	action in accordance with Section 58-56-4, from [any]:
974	(a) a local [regulators,] regulator;
975	(b) a state [regulators,] regulator;
976	(c) a state [agencies] agency involved with the construction and design of [buildings,
977	the contractors, plumbers, or electricians licensing boards, or from] a building;
978	(d) the Construction Services Commission;
979	(e) the Electrician Licensing Board;
980	(f) the Plumbers Licensing Board; or
981	(g) a recognized construction-related [associations a request for amendment to the
982	codes under Section 58-56-4] association.
983	[(3) (a) Except in the case of the fire code, the division may make recommendations to
984	the commission for legislative action.]
985	[(b) Except in the case of the fire code, the commission may also consider legislative
986	action on its own initiative.]
987	[(4)] (3) (a) [On May 15 and October 15 of each calendar year, or the first government
988	working day after those dates if either date falls on a weekend or government holiday, the

division shall convene a] If one or more requests are received in accordance with this section, the division shall hold at least one public hearing[7] before the commission concerning the requests [for legislative action to an adopted code in accordance with Section 58-56-4].

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- (b) The <u>commission shall conduct a public</u> hearing [shall be conducted] <u>under this Subsection (3)</u> in accordance with the rules of the commission, <u>which may provide for coordinating the public hearing with a meeting of the commission.</u>
- [(5)] (c) [The commission shall, after the] After a public hearing described in this Subsection [(4), make] (3), the commission shall prepare a written report of [recommended amendments to be included] its recommendations made on the basis of the public hearing. The commission shall include the information in the written report prepared under this Subsection (3)(c) in the commission's report to the Business and Labor Interim Committee under Section [58-56-5] 58-56-4.
- [(6)] (4) In making rules required by this chapter, the division shall comply with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

Section 16. Section **58-56-9** is amended to read:

58-56-9. Qualifications of inspectors -- Contract for inspection services.

- (1) [All inspectors] An inspector employed by a local regulator, state regulator, or compliance agency to enforce [provisions of] the codes adopted or approved pursuant to this chapter shall:
- (a) (i) meet minimum qualifications as established by the division in collaboration with the commission [or];
- (ii) be certified by a nationally recognized organization which promulgates codes adopted under this chapter[5]; or
- (iii) pass an examination developed by the division in collaboration with the commission:
 - (b) be currently licensed by the division as meeting those minimum qualifications; and
- (c) be subject to revocation or suspension of [their] the inspector's license or [may be] being placed on probation if found guilty of unlawful or unprofessional conduct.
- (2) A local regulator, state regulator, or compliance agency may contract for the services of a licensed inspector not regularly employed by the regulator or agency.
 - (3) (a) The division shall use the [monies] money received [in] under Subsection (4) to

H.B. 183 1020 provide education: 1021 (i) regarding the codes and code amendments [adopted or approved] that under Section 1022 58-56-4 are adopted, approved, or being considered for adoption or approval; and 1023 (ii) to: 1024 [(i)] (A) building inspectors; and 1025 [(ii)] (B) individuals engaged in construction-related trades or professions. 1026 (b) [All funding] Monies available for [the] a building inspector's education program 1027 [shall be] are nonlapsing. 1028 (4) [Each] (a) A compliance agency shall: (i) charge a 1% surcharge on [all building permits issued] a building permit it issues: 1029 1030 and [shall] 1031 (ii) transmit 80% of the amount collected to the division to be [utilized] used by the 1032 division to fulfill the requirements of Subsection (3). 1033 (b) The surcharge shall be deposited as a dedicated credit. Section 17. Section **58-56-9.3** is amended to read: 1034 1035 58-56-9.3. Unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct is as defined in Subsection 58-1-501(2) and includes: 1036 1037 (1) knowingly failing to inspect or issue correction notices for code violations which 1038 when left uncorrected would constitute a hazard to the public health and safety and knowingly 1039 failing to require that correction notices are complied with as a building inspector; 1040

(2) the use of alcohol or the illegal use of drugs while performing duties as a building inspector or at any time to the extent that the inspector is physically or mentally impaired and unable to effectively perform the duties of an inspector;

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- (3) gross negligence in the performance of official duties as a building inspector;
- (4) the personal use of information or knowingly revealing information to unauthorized persons when that information has been obtained by a building inspector as a result of the inspector's employment, work, or position as an inspector;
- (5) unlawful acts or practices which are clearly unethical under generally recognized standards of conduct of a building inspector;
- 1049 (6) engaging in fraud or knowingly misrepresenting a fact relating to the performance 1050 of duties and responsibilities as a building inspector;

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(7) a building inspector knowingly failing to require that all plans, specifications, drawings, documents, and reports be stamped by architects, professional engineers, or both as established by law;

- (8) a building inspector knowingly failing to report to the division an act or omission of a licensee under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act, which when left uncorrected constitutes a hazard to public health and safety;
- (9) a building inspector knowingly failing to report to the division unlicensed practice persons who are required to be licensed under Title 58, Chapter 55, Utah Construction Trades Licensing Act;
- (10) a building inspector's approval of work which materially varies from approved documents that have been stamped by an architect, professional engineer, or both unless authorized by the licensed architect, professional engineer, or both;
- (11) a building inspector failing to produce verification of current licensure and current certifications for the codes [adopted under rules of the division] upon request of the division, a compliance agency, or a contractor or property owner whose work is being inspected;
- (12) nondelivery of goods or services by a registered dealer which constitutes a breach of contract by the dealer;
- (13) the failure of a registered dealer to pay a subcontractor or supplier any amounts to which that subcontractor or supplier is legally entitled; and
- (14) any other activity which is defined as unprofessional conduct by division rule in accordance with the provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

Section 18. Section **58-56-12** is amended to read:

58-56-12. Factory built housing units.

- (1) (a) Manufactured homes constructed, sold, or set-up in the state shall be constructed in accordance with the HUD code.
- (b) Manufactured homes set-up in the state shall be installed in accordance with the state construction code applicable to manufactured housing installation [standard code referred to in Section 58-56-4].
- (c) The authority and responsibility for the issuance of building permits for the modification or set-up of manufactured homes within a political subdivision of the state shall be with the local regulator within that political subdivision.

(d) The inspection of modifications to or the set-up of manufactured homes shall be conducted and approvals given by the local regulator within the political subdivision in which the set-up takes place.

- (2) (a) Mobile homes sold or set-up in the state shall be constructed in accordance with the [mobile home] state construction code [in existence in the state] applicable to a mobile home in which the mobile home was constructed at the time the mobile home was constructed.
- (b) Mobile homes set-up in the state shall be installed in accordance with the <u>state</u> <u>construction code applicable to</u> manufactured housing installation [standard code referred to in Section 58-56-4].
- (c) The authority and responsibility for the issuance of building permits for the modification of or set-up of mobile homes within a political subdivision of the state shall be with the local regulator within that political subdivision.
- (d) The inspection of modification to or the set-up of mobile homes shall be conducted and approvals given by the local regulator within the political subdivision in which the set-up takes place.

Section 19. Section **58-56-13** is amended to read:

58-56-13. Modular units.

Modular unit construction, set-up, issuance of permits for construction or set-up, and set-up shall be in accordance with the following:

- (1) construction and set-up shall be in accordance with the [building standards adopted pursuant to Section 58-56-4, or equivalent standards adopted by rule] state construction codes;
- (2) the responsibility and authority for plan review and issuance of permits for construction, modification, or set-up shall be that of the local regulator of the political subdivision in which the modular unit is to be set-up;
- (3) the inspection of the construction, modification of, or set-up of a modular unit to determine conformance with the provisions of this chapter and the issuance of approvals shall be the responsibility of the local regulator in the political subdivision in which the modular unit is to be set-up or is set-up; and
- (4) nothing in this section shall preclude a local regulator from contracting with a qualified third party for the inspection or plan review provided in this section, or the state from entering into an interstate compact for third party inspection of the construction of modular

1113	units.
1114	Section 20. Section 58-56-14 is amended to read:
1115	58-56-14. Modification of factory built housing units and modular units.
1116	(1) [Any] \underline{A} modification to factory built housing units shall be made in accordance
1117	with the following:
1118	(a) Prior to set-up, modification to a manufactured home or mobile home prior to
1119	installation or set-up of the unit for habitation shall be made in accordance with the HUD code.
1120	(b) After set-up:
1121	(i) modification to a manufactured home or mobile home after installation or set-up of
1122	the unit for habitation, which modification does not include the addition of any space to the
1123	existing unit or the attachment of any structure to the existing unit shall be made in accordance
1124	with the HUD code; and
1125	(ii) modification to a manufactured home or mobile home after installation or set-up of
1126	the unit for habitation, which modification includes the addition of any space to the existing
1127	unit or the attachment of any structure to the unit shall be made as follows:
1128	(A) modifications to the existing unit shall be in accordance with the HUD code; and
1129	(B) additional structure outside of the existing unit shall be in accordance with the
1130	[Utah Uniform Building Standards Act] this chapter.
1131	(2) [Any] \underline{A} modification to \underline{a} modular housing [units] unit shall be made in
1132	accordance with [the Utah Uniform Building Standards Act] this chapter.
1133	Section 21. Section 58-56-15 is amended to read:
1134	58-56-15. Factory built housing and modular units Division responsibility
1135	Unlawful conduct.
1136	(1) The division:
1137	(a) shall maintain current information on the HUD code and the <u>state construction code</u>
1138	<u>relevant to</u> manufactured housing installation [standard code referred to in Section 58-56-4]
1139	and will provide at reasonable cost the information to compliance agencies, local regulators, or
1140	state regulators requesting such information;
1141	(b) shall provide qualified personnel to advise compliance agencies, local regulators,
1142	and state regulators regarding the standards for construction and set-up, construction and set-up

inspection, and additions or modifications to factory built housing;

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- (c) is designated as the state administrative agency for purposes under the provisions of the HUD code;
- (d) may inspect the work of modular unit manufacturers in the state during the construction process to determine compliance of the manufacturer with [the Utah Uniform Building Standard Act] this chapter for those units to be installed within the state and upon a finding of substantive deficiency, issue a corrective order to the manufacturer with a copy to the local regulator in the state's political subdivision in which the unit is to be installed;
 - (e) shall have rights of entry and inspection as specified under the HUD Code; and
 - (f) shall implement by rule as required by the HUD Code:
 - (i) a dispute resolution program; and
- (ii) a continuing education requirement for manufactured housing installation contractors.
- (2) The division may assess civil penalties payable to the state for violation of the HUD Code in an amount identical to those set forth in Section 611 of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5410.
- (3) The state may impose criminal sanctions for violations of the HUD Code identical to those set forth in Section 611 of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5410, provided that if the criminal sanction is a fine, the fine shall be payable to the state.
 - Section 22. Section **58-56-17.5** is amended to read:

58-56-17.5. Factory Built Housing Fees Restricted Account.

- (1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as "Factory Built Housing Fees Account."
- (2) (a) The restricted account shall be funded from the fees the dealer collects and remits to the division for each factory built home the dealer sells as provided in Subsection 58-56-17(1).
- (b) The division shall deposit all monies collected under Subsection 58-56-17(1) in the restricted account.
- (c) The restricted account shall be used to pay for education and enforcement of [the Uniform Building Standards Act] this chapter, including investigations and administrative actions and the funding of additional employees to the amount of the legislative appropriation.

1175	(d) The restricted account may accrue interest which shall be deposited into the
1176	restricted account.
1177	Section 23. Section 58-56-20 is amended to read:
1178	58-56-20. Standardized building permit content.
1179	(1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
1180	division shall adopt a standardized building permit form by rule.
1181	(2) (a) The standardized building permit form created under Subsection (1) shall
1182	include fields for indicating the following information:
1183	(i) the name and address of the owner of or contractor for the project;
1184	(ii) (A) the address of the project; or
1185	(B) a general description of the project; and
1186	(iii) whether the permit applicant is an original contractor or owner-builder.
1187	(b) The standardized building permit form created under Subsection (1) may include
1188	any other information the division considers useful.
1189	(3) (a) A compliance agency shall issue a permit for construction only on a
1190	standardized building permit form approved by the division.
1191	(b) A permit for construction issued by a compliance agency under Subsection (3)(a)
1192	shall print the standardized building permit number assigned under Section 58-56-19 in the
1193	upper right-hand corner of the building permit form in at least 12-point type.
1194	(c) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(c)(ii), a compliance agency may not issue a
1195	permit for construction if the information required by Subsection (2)(a) is not completed on the
1196	building permit form.
1197	(ii) If a compliance agency does not issue a separate permit for different aspects of the
1198	same project, the compliance agency may issue a permit for construction without the
1199	information required by Subsection (2)(a)(iii).
1200	(d) A compliance agency may require additional information for the issuance of a
1201	permit for construction.
1202	(4) A local regulator issuing a single-family residential building permit application
1203	shall include in the application or attach to the building permit the following notice
1204	prominently placed in at least 14-point font: "Decisions relative to this application are subject

to review by the chief executive officer of the municipal or county entity issuing the

single-family residential building permit and appeal under the International Residential Code <u>as</u> adopted by the Legislature."

Section 24. Section **58-56-21** is amended to read:

58-56-21. Review of building inspection.

- (1) As used in this section, "International Residential Code" [or "IRC"] means the International Residential Code [as] adopted [in this chapter and by rule] as a state construction code under Section 58-56-4.
- (2) Subject to Subsection (3), a city or county shall, by ordinance, provide for review of an inspection conducted by the city's or county's building inspector for a single-family residential building permit.
- (3) Upon request by a person seeking a single-family residential building permit, a chief executive officer of the municipal or county issuing the single-family residential building permit, or the chief executive officer's designee, shall, with reasonable diligence, review an inspection described in Subsection (2) to determine whether the inspection constitutes a fair administration of the building code.
 - (4) A review described in this section:
- (a) is separate and unrelated to an appeal under the [IRC] <u>International Residential</u> Code;
- (b) may not be used to review a matter that may be brought by appeal under the [IRC] International Residential Code;
- (c) may not result in the waiver or modification of an [IRC] <u>International Residential</u> <u>Code</u> requirement or standard;
- (d) may not conflict with an appeal, or the result of an appeal, under the [IRC] <u>International Residential Code</u>; and
- (e) does not prohibit a person from bringing an appeal under the [IRC] <u>International</u> Residential Code.
- (5) A person who seeks a review described in this section may not be prohibited by preclusion, estoppel, or otherwise from raising an issue or bringing a claim in an appeal under the [IRC] International Residential Code on the grounds that the person raised the issue or brought the claim in the review described in this section.
- 1236 Section 25. **Repealer.**

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1237	This bill repeals:
1238	Section 53-7-205, State fire code amendments Board duties and responsibilities.
1239	Section 26. Effective date.
1240	This bill takes effect on July 1, 2010.

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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