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HOUSE BILL NO. 41

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

BUILDING CODES: Provides for changes to the enforcement of certain provisions of the International Residential Code

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(a)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal R.S.
3 40:1730.28(A)(3)(e), relative to the state uniform construction code; exempts from
4 enforcement the energy conservation section of the International Residential Code;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(a)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1730.28. Mandatory adoption of certain nationally recognized codes and standards
10 as the state uniform construction code; adoption by reference

11 A. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, the council shall
12 adopt and amend only the latest editions of the following as the state uniform
13 construction code:

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15 (3)(a) International Residential Code, not including Parts I-Administrative,
16 IV-Energy Conservation, V-Mechanical, VII-Plumbing, and VIII-Electrical. The
17 applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulation of
18 construction within this state. The enforcement of such standards shall be mandatory
19 only with respect to new construction, reconstruction, additions to homes previously
20 built to the International Residential Code, and extensive alterations; however, a

1 municipality, parish, or regional planning commission may enforce Appendix J of
 2 the code at its option. The appendices of that code may be adopted as needed, but
 3 the specific appendix or appendices must be referenced by name or letter designation
 4 at the time of adoption, with the exception of Appendix J, Existing Buildings and
 5 Structures, which shall not be adopted by the council and may be adopted and
 6 enforced only at the option of a parish, municipality, or regional planning
 7 commission. For the purposes of this Part, IRC R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria) shall
 8 be amended as follows and shall only apply to the International Residential Code,
 9 2003 edition:

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11 Section 2. R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(3)(e) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Exempts from enforcement the energy conservation section of the International Residential Code.

Present law provides that the building code council shall adopt and amend only the latest editions of the International Residential Code, including Part IV-Energy Conservation, as the state uniform construction code.

Proposed law removes Part IV-Energy Conservation from being included in the state uniform construction code.

Present law amends the latest edition of the International Residential Code to require that supply and return ducts be insulated to a minimum of R-6.

Proposed law repeals present law.

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