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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to ratification of amendments to the state building code and state fire code, and the membership of the state advisory board of fire control.

SPONSORS: Rep. C. McGuire, Merr. 27; Rep. Erf, Hills. 28

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Ratifies amendments to the state building code approved by the state building code review board.
- II. Ratifies amendments to the state fire code approved by the fire marshal and state board of fire control.
- III. Adds a fire protection engineer to the state board of fire control.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT relative to ratification of amendments to the state building code and state fire code,
and the membership of the state advisory board of fire control.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 46:1 State Building Code; Ratification of Amendments. Amend RSA 155-A:1, IV to read as follows:
2 IV. "New Hampshire building code" or "state building code" means the adoption by reference of
3 the International Building Code 2018, the International Existing Building Code 2018, the International
4 Plumbing Code 2018, the International Mechanical Code 2018, the International Energy Conservation
5 Code 2018, the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code 2018, and the International Residential Code
6 2018, as published by the International Code Council Inc., and the National Electrical Code 2020, as
7 published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., as reviewed and recommended by the state
8 building code review board, including all amendments reviewed and approved by the board as of
9 ~~[November 30, 2021]~~ **November 4, 2022**, and ratified by the legislature in accordance with RSA 155-A:10.
10 The provisions of any other national code or model code referred to within a code listed in this definition
11 shall not be included in the state building code unless specifically included in the codes listed in this
12 definition.
13 46:2 State Fire Code; Ratification of Amendments. Pursuant to RSA 153:5, the general court hereby
14 ratifies the amendments to the state fire code adopted by the state fire marshal and the state board of fire
15 control through January 18, 2023.
16 46:3 State Advisory Board of Fire Control; Membership. Amend RSA 153:2 to read as follows:
17 153:2 Membership and Organization. There shall be a state advisory board of fire control consisting
18 of ~~[14]~~ **12** members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. The members
19 shall be persons with experience and background in (1) a manufacturing industry; (2) the storage of
20 petroleum products and in standard safety precautions with reference thereto; (3) the position of forest fire
21 warden and who is a chief of a volunteer or full-time fire department; (4) fire insurance underwriting,
22 including knowledge of national standards of construction, causes of fire loss and regulations pertaining to
23 fire safety; (5) the position of chief of a municipal fire department; (6) a registered architect; (7) a chemical
24 engineer; (8) an electrical engineer; (9) the position of chief of a volunteer fire department; (10) natural
25 gas distribution; ~~[and]~~ (11) propane gas distribution; **and (12) a fire protection engineer**. Members shall be
26 appointed for terms of 5 years. One member of the board shall be designated as chairman thereof by the
27 governor.
28 46:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: May 19, 2023
Effective Date: May 19, 2023

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