

Subject Energy code adoption for commercial buildings

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Summary

This bill would modify the timeline for adopting new versions of the energy code that applies when commercial buildings are built. Beginning in 2022, the commissioner of labor and industry will adopt each new published edition of the ASHRAE 90.1 code—or a more energy efficient standard—and amend it as necessary to achieve a standard that is at least eight percent more efficient than the prior edition (as measured against the energy consumption of an average commercial building in 2003). These new amended standards must achieve a net zero energy standard for new commercial buildings by 2036, which would then remain the standard going forwards.