

Subject Commercial energy code adoption

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Summary

Allows the commissioner of labor and industry to consider amendments to model energy codes that are designed to mitigate the impact of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Directs the commissioner, beginning in 2024, to adopt each new published edition of the model commercial energy code ASHRAE 90.1 or a more efficient standard. Requires adopting commercial energy codes that incrementally move towards one that by 2036 achieves a minimum 80 percent reduction in annual net energy consumption compared to a baseline. Stipulates the commissioner must make a report to the legislature on progress towards that goal by January of the year following each new code adoption. Clarifies that existing conservation and optimization plans are not affected by these changes.