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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE - ADMINISTRATION
AND ENFORCEMENT

Introduced By: Representative Robert B. Jacquard

Date Introduced: February 14, 2019

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-27.3-100.1.5 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-27.3 entitled
2 "State Building Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-27.3-100.1.5. Building code -- Adoption and promulgation by committee.**

4 The state building standards committee has the authority to adopt, promulgate, and
5 administer a state building code, which shall include: (a) provisions and amendments as necessary
6 to resolve conflicts between fire safety codes and building codes, as provided for in § 23-28.01-6;
7 and (b) a rehabilitation building and fire code for existing buildings and structures. The building
8 code may be promulgated in several sections, with a section applicable to one and two (2) family
9 dwellings, to multiple dwellings and hotels and motels, to general building construction, to
10 plumbing, and to electrical. The building code shall incorporate minimum standards for the
11 location, design, construction and installation of wells which are appurtenances to a building in
12 applicable sections. For purposes of this chapter, "appurtenance" includes the installation,
13 alteration or repair of wells connected to a structure consistent with chapter 46-13.2. The building
14 code and the sections thereof shall be reasonably consistent with recognized and accepted
15 standards adopted by national model code organizations and recognized authorities. To the extent
16 that any state or local building codes, statutes, or ordinances are inconsistent with the Americans
17 with Disabilities Act, Title III, Public Accommodations and Services Operated by Private
18 Entities, 42 U.S.C. § 12181 et seq., and its regulations and standards, they are hereby repealed.

1 The state building code standards committee is hereby directed to adopt rules and regulations
2 consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II and III (28 CFR 35 and 28 CFR 36,
3 as amended), as soon as possible, but no later than February 15, 2012, to take effect on or before
4 March 15, 2012. The state building code standards committee is hereby authorized and directed to
5 update those rules and regulations consistent with the future revisions of the Americans with
6 Disabilities Act Accessibility Standards. All electrical work done in the state shall be in
7 accordance with the latest edition of the National Electric Code (NEC). The state building
8 commission shall adopt the latest edition of the NEC, including any amendments to the NEC by
9 the commission. The adoption of the NEC by the commission shall be completed so that it will
10 take effect on the first day of April of the year the edition is dated.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that all electrical work performed in the state be done in
2 accordance with the latest edition of the National Electric Code, and would also require that the
3 state building commission adopt the latest edition of the National Electric Code.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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