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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2131

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Utilities

Brief*

The bill would amend existing law regarding thermal efficiency standards of commercial, industrial, and residential buildings. Specifically, the bill would:

- designate the International Energy Conservation Code 2003 as the thermal efficiency standard for new commercial and industrial buildings;
- require the disclosure of residential building energy efficiency information to the buyer or a prospective buyer, upon request or prior to closing; and
- provide for rewording of the residential energy efficiency disclosure form to refer to the International Energy Conservation Code 2003 and to a Home Energy Rating score of 80 or greater on the Mortgage Industry National Home Energy Rating System Accreditation Standard (June 15, 2002).

Background

The House Committee amended the bill to replace the ASHRAE/IES 2001 code with the International Energy Conservation Code 2003 as the thermal efficiency standard for new commercial and industrial buildings. The House Committee amendment also would require disclosure of energy efficiency information regarding residential buildings to prospective buyers. Finally, the amendment would reword the disclosure statement regarding residential building energy efficiency. Suggestions for amendments to the bill were made by a

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