

103A.8A Minimum energy efficiency standard.

The state building code commissioner shall adopt as a part of the state building code a requirement that new single-family or two-family residential construction shall meet an established minimum energy efficiency standard. The standard shall be stated in terms of the home heating index developed by the physics department at Iowa state university of science and technology. The minimum standard shall be the average energy consumption of new single-family or two-family residential construction as determined by a survey conducted by the department of natural resources of the average actual energy consumption, as expressed in terms of the home heating index. The minimum standard shall only apply to single-family or two-family residential construction commenced after the adoption of the standard. This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit a governmental subdivision from adopting or enacting a minimum energy standard which is substantially in accordance and consistent with model energy codes and standards developed by a nationally recognized organization in effect on or after July 1, 2002. A governmental subdivision that adopts or enacts a minimum energy standard which is substantially in accordance and consistent with model energy codes and standards developed by a nationally recognized organization shall adopt or enact any update or revision to the model energy codes and standards.

85 Acts, ch 147, § 2; 88 Acts, ch 1134, § 23; 2002 Acts, ch 1082, §1; 2002 Acts, ch 1162, §34