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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to energy conservation standards included in the
2 state building code for new single-family or two-family
3 residential construction.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 103A.8A, Code 2005, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 103A.8A MINIMUM ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARD.

4 The state building code commissioner shall adopt as a part
5 of the state building code a requirement that new single-
6 family or two-family residential construction shall ~~meet an~~
7 ~~established minimum energy efficiency standard. The standard~~
8 ~~shall be stated in terms of the home heating index developed~~
9 ~~by the physics department at Iowa state university of science~~
10 ~~and technology. The minimum standard shall be the average~~
11 ~~energy consumption of new single-family or two-family~~
12 ~~residential construction as determined by a survey conducted~~
13 ~~by the department of natural resources of the average actual~~
14 ~~energy consumption, as expressed in terms of the home heating~~
15 index comply with energy conservation requirements. The
16 requirements adopted by the commissioner shall be based upon a
17 nationally recognized standard or code for energy
18 conservation. The ~~minimum standard~~ requirements shall only
19 apply to single-family or two-family residential construction
20 commenced after the adoption of the standard requirements.
21 This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit a governmental
22 subdivision from adopting or enacting a minimum energy
23 standard which is substantially in accordance and consistent
24 with ~~model~~ energy codes and standards developed by a
25 nationally recognized organization in effect on or after July
26 1, 2002. A governmental subdivision that adopts or enacts a
27 minimum energy standard which is substantially in accordance
28 and consistent with ~~model~~ energy codes and standards developed
29 by a nationally recognized organization shall adopt or enact
30 any update or revision to the ~~model~~ energy codes and
31 standards.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill relates to energy conservation standards included
34 in the state building code for new single-family or two-family
35 residential construction. The bill requires the state

1 building code commissioner to adopt energy conservation
2 requirements based upon a nationally recognized standard or
3 code for energy conservation. Currently, the minimum energy
4 efficiency standard is used for new single-family or two-
5 family residential construction and is stated in terms of the
6 home heating index.

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