Senate File 222 - Introduced

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the state building code and local building
2   regulations by requiring certain newly constructed residential
3   buildings to include a storm shelter.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1   Section 1. Section 103A.7, subsection 2, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 3   NEW PARAGRAPH. h. The standards for the construction of
1 4 storm shelters located in multiple=unit residential buildings
1 5 pursuant to section 103A.9A.
1 6   Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 103A.9A STORM SHELTERS ==
1 7 MULTIPLE=UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.
1 8   1. a. All newly constructed multiple=unit residential
1 9 buildings that are subject to the state building code or local
1 10 building regulations shall have a storm shelter constructed on
1 11 site. A storm shelter required under this section shall be
1 12 constructed according to rules adopted by the commissioner and
1 13 approved by the council. A storm shelter shall have adequate
1 14 space for the maximum residential capacity of the
1 15 multiple=unit residential building.
1 16   b. This section applies to new construction commenced on
1 17 or after July 1, 2009.
1 18   2. For the purposes of this section:
1 19   a. "Multiple=unit residential building" means one of the
1 20 following:
1 21   (1) A building more than one story in height, used
1 22 primarily for human habitation, and containing four or more
1 23 separate living quarters.
1 24   (2) A hotel, motel, nursing home, rest home, dormitory, or
1 25 rooming house.
1 26   b. "Storm shelter" means a room or structure designed to
1 27 provide persons with temporary protection from a storm.
1 28   EXPLANATION
1 29   This bill requires all newly constructed multiple=unit
1 30 residential buildings, as defined in the bill, that are
1 31 subject to the state building code or local building
1 32 regulations to have a storm shelter constructed on site. The
1 33 bill defines "storm shelter" as a room or structure designed
1 34 to provide persons with temporary protection from a storm.
1 35 The bill requires storm shelters to be constructed according
2 1 to rules adopted by the state building code commissioner and
2 2 approved by the state building code advisory council. The
2 3 bill also requires each storm shelter to have adequate space
2 4 for the maximum residential capacity of the multiple=unit
2 5 residential building.
2 6   The bill applies to new construction of multiple=unit
2 7 residential buildings commenced on or after July 1, 2009.
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