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SENATE FILE 2374  
BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3097)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 2, 2026)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the national electrical code, and including  
2 effective date provisions.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 103.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the  
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 12A. "*National electrical code*" means the  
4 national electrical code, 2023 edition, published by the national  
5 fire protection association, as modified by section 103.1B, and  
6 excluding sections 210.52(C)(3), 230.67, and 406.4(D)(4) of the  
7 national electrical code, 2023 edition.

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **103.1B National electrical code —**  
9 **alterations.**

10 For purposes of the national electrical code:

11 1. *Dwelling units.* Section 210.8(A) of the national  
12 electrical code, 2023 edition, is amended by requiring that  
13 one hundred twenty-five volt through two hundred fifty volt  
14 receptacles supplied by single-phase branch circuits rated one  
15 hundred fifty volts or less to ground installed in a kitchen only  
16 require ground-fault circuit interrupter protection for personnel  
17 where receptacles are installed to serve the countertop surfaces  
18 and by striking section 210.8(A)(7) of the national electrical  
19 code, 2023 edition. In lieu of basements, section 210.8(A)  
20 of the national electrical code, 2023 edition, shall apply to  
21 unfinished portions or areas of the basement not intended as  
22 habitable rooms.

23 2. *Arc-fault circuit interrupters.* Notwithstanding section  
24 210.12(B) of the national electrical code, 2023 edition,  
25 arc-fault circuit interrupters shall not be required for  
26 one-family and two-family dwellings and townhouses, and section  
27 210.12(B) of the national electrical code, 2023 edition, shall  
28 not apply to kitchens or laundry areas.

29 3. *Kitchen receptacles on islands and peninsulas.* In lieu  
30 of the requirements of section 210.52(C)(2) of the national  
31 electrical code, 2023 edition, an electrical provision or at  
32 least one receptacle shall be installed at each island and  
33 peninsular countertop space with a long dimension of six hundred  
34 millimeters, or twenty-four inches, or greater and a short  
35 dimension of three hundred millimeters, or twelve inches, or

1 greater, with a peninsular countertop being measured from the  
2 connected perpendicular wall.

3 4. *Load calculations.* With respect to section 220.5(C) of  
4 the national electrical code, 2023 edition, the calculated floor  
5 area of a dwelling unit shall additionally exclude garages.

6 5. *Ceiling outlets.* In addition to the requirements of  
7 section 314.27(A)(2) of the national electrical code, 2023  
8 edition, outlet boxes mounted in the ceilings of family rooms,  
9 living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, bedrooms, sunrooms,  
10 recreation rooms, and similar areas of dwelling occupancies, and  
11 located in an area of the ceiling typical for the installation of  
12 a ceiling-suspended paddle fan shall be installed to accommodate  
13 a ceiling-suspended paddle fan in accordance with section  
14 314.27(C) of the national electrical code, 2023 edition.

15 6. *Boxes at ceiling-suspended paddle fan outlets.* In lieu  
16 of the second paragraph of section 314.27(C) of the national  
17 electrical code, 2023 edition, where a ceiling-suspended paddle  
18 fan is not installed, the outlet box shall comply with either  
19 section 314.27(C)(1) or 314.27(C)(2) of the national electrical  
20 code, 2023 edition.

21 7. *Receptacles near bathtub and shower spaces.* In lieu of  
22 the requirements of and exceptions to section 406.9(C) of the  
23 national electrical code, 2023 edition, receptacles shall not be  
24 installed within or directly over a bathtub or shower stall.

25 8. *Ground-fault circuit interrupters.* Ground-fault circuit  
26 interrupter protection is not required for receptacles that serve  
27 sump pumps or refrigerators.

28 **Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 103.1C Electrical code — amendments**  
29 **— limitations.**

30 1. A political subdivision shall not adopt a local electrical  
31 code that is more restrictive than the national electrical code.

32 2. Prior to adopting any changes to the national electrical  
33 code pursuant to section 103.6, including but not limited to by  
34 adopting the national electrical code, 2026 edition, published by  
35 the national fire protection association, the board shall conduct

1 an analysis of the cost to consumers of any significant changes  
2 to the national electrical code. The analysis shall be submitted  
3 to the administrative rules coordinator for publication in the  
4 Iowa administrative bulletin along with the notice of intended  
5 action.

6 Sec. 4. FUTURE REPEAL. Section 103.1, subsection 12A, and  
7 section 103.1B, as enacted by this Act, are repealed effective  
8 upon the adoption of the national electrical code, 2026 edition,  
9 published by the national fire protection association, by the  
10 electrical examining board. The electrical examining board shall  
11 inform the Iowa Code editor upon the adoption of the national  
12 electrical code, 2026 edition.

13 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
14 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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