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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:

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

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 12A. "*National electrical code*" means  
4 the national electrical code, 2023 edition, published by the  
5 national fire protection association, as modified by section  
6 103.1B, and excluding sections 210.52(C)(3), 230.67, and  
7 406.4(D)(4) of the 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  
16 only require ground-fault circuit interrupter protection  
17 for personnel where receptacles are installed to serve the  
18 countertop surfaces and by striking section 210.8(A)(7) of the  
19 national electrical code, 2023 edition. In lieu of basements,  
20 section 210.8(A) of the national electrical code, 2023 edition,  
21 shall apply to unfinished portions or areas of the basement not  
22 intended as 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  
32 at least one receptacle shall be installed at each island  
33 and peninsular countertop space with a long dimension of six  
34 hundred millimeters, or twenty-four inches, or greater and a  
35 short dimension of three hundred millimeters, or twelve inches,

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 103.1C Electrical code — amendments  
31 — limitations.

32 1. A political subdivision shall not adopt a local  
33 electrical code that is more restrictive than the national  
34 electrical code.

35 2. Prior to adopting any changes to the national electrical

1 code pursuant to section 103.6, including but not limited to by  
2 adopting the national electrical code, 2026 edition, published  
3 by the national fire protection association, the board shall  
4 conduct an analysis of the cost to consumers of any significant  
5 changes to the national electrical code. The analysis shall  
6 be submitted to the administrative rules coordinator for  
7 publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin along with the  
8 notice of intended action.

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

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