

**STATE BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS ARE REVISED,  
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 15, 2019 FOR AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE  
A BUILDING CODE HAS NOT BEEN ADOPTED AND REGISTERED  
WITH THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Local officials need to be aware that Public Act 101-0369, which became effective on December 15, 2019, requires all new commercial construction to comply with the current edition or most recent preceding editions of the following codes developed by the International Code Council:

- (1) International Building Code
- (2) International Existing Building Code

Also effective on December 15, 2019, all new commercial construction must comply with the current edition or most recent preceding edition of NFPA 70, National Electrical Code, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

These requirements do not apply to any area that has adopted its own building code and registered that code adoption with the Capital Development Board (CDB) as required by Section 55 of the Illinois Building Commission Act.

Under the Act, local governments are granted the right to enter into agreements with governmental units to enforce building codes as well as to hire third party inspectors qualified in accordance with the terms of the Act to provide inspection services.

The Act does not negate any other statutorily authorized code or regulation administered by State agencies. This includes the Illinois Residential Building Code Act, the Illinois Plumbing Code, the Illinois Environmental Barriers Act, the International Energy Conservation Code, and the administrative rules adopted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal per Title 41: Fire Protection / Part 100 Fire Prevention and Safety (NFPA 101 Life Safety Code and amendments).

The following definitions are contained in the Act:

**Commercial Building:** Any building other than a single-family home or a dwelling containing two or fewer apartments, condominiums, or townhomes or a farm building as exempted from Section 3 of the Illinois Architecture Practice Act.

**Newly Constructed Commercial Building:** Any commercial building for which original construction has commenced on or after July 1, 2011.

**Qualified Inspector:** An individual qualified by the State of Illinois, certified by a nationally recognized building official certification organization, or qualified by an apprentice program certified by the Bureau of Apprentice Training, or who had filed verification of inspection experience according to the rules adopted by CDB for the purposes of conducting inspections in non-building code jurisdictions.

The Capital Development Board is the administrating agency for this Act and specific questions should be directed to the contact information found at:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/cdb/business/codes/Pages/BuildingCodesRegulations.aspx>