

JULY 2019 ICCA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE by Margaret Vaughn, Lobbyist
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NEW ENERGY CODE RULES GO EFFECTIVE JULY 1st

After the JCAR Board voted to include the roof membrane language that was originally recommended by the Energy Code Advisory Council, back into the Energy Code at their May 14th meeting, they were accepted by JCAR at their June 11th meeting and took effect July 1st.

The rules **do** include the definition of Roof Membrane Peel and Replacement and the associated exceptions in both the commercial and residential sections C503.1 and R503.1. They also include Exception 8., in C503.1 which states:

8. Roof replacements for roof systems 2:12 slope or less shall comply with the low slope roof insulation requirements unless the installation of insulation above the structural roof deck, and necessary to achieve the code required R-value, is deemed infeasible by the code official to accommodate the added thickness of insulation above the roof deck. Conditions of infeasibility ~~presented by~~ due to flashing height limitations presented by existing rooftop conditions include, but are not limited to, ~~flashing heights at~~ HVAC or skylight curb, low door or glazing, parapet, weep holes, drainage patterns, ~~due to~~ cricket or saddle construction. These conditions are subject to manufacturer's specifications, manufacturers installation instructions and code official approval.

OSFM LIFE SAFETY RULES UPDATE

OSFM Life Safety Rules are scheduled to go before JCAR at their July 16th meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Bilandic Building in Chicago. Here is a link to the rules in their current form <http://ilga.gov/commission/jcar/SecondNotices/410100-1900125r02.pdf>

IDPH UPDATE

Justin Dewitt is the new Chief of Staff for the Dept of Public Health and Dr. Ngozi Ezike is the new Director, a pediatrician who had previously been the Medical Director at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center. The Plumbing Rules which were filed in late December were not sent to JCAR for second and IDPH is still working on them internally.

HB 305 – MUNICIPAL MEETING RESTRICT BILL McSWEENEY STALLS

Thanks to all your phone calls, witness slips and spreading the word on the devastating impact HB 305 would have on municipal organizations' ability to have meetings, the bill did not get called for a vote in the House City and Villages Committee this spring. That does not mean Rep McSweeney won't bring the issue up again because he is very committed to it so we have to keep our guard up.

HB 2206 – RESTRICTION of MUNICIPAL INSPECTION BILL STALLS

HB 2206, an initiative of the IL Realtors to restrict residential inspections also did not advance in the House due to mounting opposition. Again, I thank you for reaching out to your legislators when I asked for help, it did make a difference. It might very well come back again next year so we have to be prepared.

HB 2652 – SOLAR PANELS

HB 2652, the bill which would have required residential solar panels to be included in the Energy Code updates was rewritten and basically now just clarifies that the published supplements to the ICC Energy Code can only be included if they are adopted by the CDB Board. The bill passed both chambers and was sent to the Governor on June 14th.

HB 2643 – HOME REPAIR & REMODELING SENIOR CONTRACT CANCELLATION

HB 2643 extends the period for which a Home Repair and Remodeling Contractor from 3 business days to 15 if the customer is 65 and older, *if the services are being sold by an uninvited solicitor*. The bill passed both chambers as was sent to the Governor on June 28th.

PRITZKER APPOINTS NEW CDB BOARD MEMBERS & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Governor Pritzker recently appointed three new CDB Board members. Longtime Chair Jim Reilly was replaced by Eileen Rhodes, President of East Lake Management Group of Chicago. The other new members are Martesa Brown, Director of Advancement with the Rockford Area Visitors and Tourism Bureau and David Arenas who owns his own Financial and Leadership Capital Advisory Firm in Park Ridge. Pritzker also appointed of Jim Underwood as CDB Executive Director on May 14th. Underwood is an IBEW member from Decatur, who had been the Director of CDB under the Quinn Administration

CDB BOARD MEETING RESTRICTION RULES UPDATE

CDB Board Meeting Restriction Rules. ICCA submitted objections to these CDB proposed rules, which we feel would allow less public input and less and shorter notification times for CDB Meetings to the public as well as the CDB Board. Our specific objections are outlined below. CDB has not pursued these Rules any further at this time through JCAR.