

FISCAL NOTE

March 20, 2017

Bill No:	HB162	Printer's No:	PN0126	Sponsor:	Maloney
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2016-17	2017-18
General Fund	"See Fiscal Impact"	One time \$60,000-\$65,000

SUMMARY: This legislation amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code to grant the Department of Labor and Industry the ability to contract with the International Codes Council (ICC) to create a specific code book or books for Pennsylvania.

ANALYSIS: HB162 amends Section 304 (Revised or Successor Codes) of the PA Construction Code Act, in Uniform Construction Code (UCC). This legislation will permit the PA Department of Labor & Industry to contract with the ICC to establish a set of code books that represent the specific requirements of the commonwealth.

Pennsylvania last adopted the full version of the ICC codes in 2009. Following that adoption, the legislature made changes to the process by which new ICC codes would be adopted as the UCC. Prior to the changes made in 2011 (Act 1 of 2011), the Review and Advisory Council (RAC) was responsible for reviewing and voting on updated ICC codes. Following that review and vote, the RAC would make their recommendation to the department on which provisions to exclude. The department would then promulgate regulations adopting the new, updated versions of the ICC codes, with those specific provisions excluded. Act 1 of 2011 altered the RAC's duties with regard to the triennial code adoption process. The primary modification made changed the presumption of the code review process from assuming the codes were adopted to assuming the codes were not adopted without a two-thirds vote by the RAC to adopt updated code revisions.

The RAC reviewed the 2012 codes in April of that year. No ICC 2012 triennial code updates were adopted.

The RAC initiated a review of the 2015 triennial codes in May 2014. From that review, the council adopted 16 code provisions.

Currently, the UCC standards are based on the 2009 triennial ICC codes and 16 code provisions from the 2015 ICC triennial codes.

HB162 will create a comprehensive compilation of UCC standards. These standards will be available on the internet for the general public to view.

This legislation will take effect in 60 days.

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FISCAL IMPACT: The fiscal impact of HB162 is estimated to be \$40,000 to \$45,000 for the purchase of hard copy code books for use by the department's inspectors. This cost would be in addition to the \$20,000 estimated for the code development.