

Public Act No. 16-215

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE STATE BUILDING AND FIRE CODES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this section, "proposed code" means a proposal by the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee for a new State Building Code or for a change in, addition to or repeal of any provision of the State Building Code.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, the adoption of the State Building Code and any amendments thereto shall not be required to comply with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, except as provided in this section.

(c) Prior to the adoption of the State Building Code and any amendments thereto, the State Building Inspector shall (1) post any proposed code, a statement of purpose for which the proposed code is proposed, a fiscal note associated with compliance with the proposed code prepared pursuant to section 4-168 of the general statutes, and a regulatory flexibility analysis prepared pursuant to section 4-168a of the general statutes on the Internet web site of the Department of

Administrative Services, (2) give notice electronically to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security, (3) give notice to any person who has requested the State Building Inspector for advance notice of its proposed code adoption proceedings, (4) provide for a public comment period of forty-five days following the posting of such proposed code, fiscal note and regulatory flexibility analysis, and (5) hold a public hearing on the proposed code not less than twenty nor more than thirty-five days after such posting.

(d) After the close of the public comment period, the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall respond to each written and oral comment respecting the proposed code received during the public comment period and at the public hearing. Such response shall include any change made to the proposed code if applicable, and the rationale for such change. The State Building Inspector shall post such response on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services not later than thirty days after the close of the public comment period.

(e) The State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall create and maintain a code-making record for each proposed code, submit such code-making record electronically to the standing legislative regulation review committee and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security, and post such codemaking record on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services. Such code-making record shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The final wording of the proposed code in a format consistent with a nationally recognized model building code, (2) the fiscal note prepared pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (3) the regulatory flexibility analysis prepared pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (4) all written and oral comments received during

the public comment period, and (5) the response to such comments prepared pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

(f) The standing legislative regulation review committee shall have not more than forty-five days from the date the code-making record is submitted to the committee pursuant to subsection (e) of this section to convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject without prejudice the proposed code, in whole or in part. If the proposed code is withdrawn, the State Building Inspector shall resubmit the proposed code and the committee shall have not more than forty-five days from the date of such resubmittal to convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject without prejudice the resubmitted proposed code. If the committee notifies the State Building Inspector in writing that it is waiving its right to convene a meeting or does not act on a proposed code or a resubmitted proposed code, as the case may be, within such forty-five-day period, the proposed code or resubmitted proposed code shall be deemed to be approved by the committee.

(g) If the committee disapproves a proposed code, in whole or in part, the committee shall notify the State Building Inspector of the disapproval and the reasons for the disapproval. The State Building Inspector shall not take any action to implement such disapproved code, except that the State Building Inspector may submit a substantively new proposed code in accordance with the provisions of this section, provided the General Assembly may reverse such disapproval in accordance with the provisions of section 4-171 of the general statutes.

(h) If the committee rejects a proposed code without prejudice, in whole or in part, the committee shall notify the State Building Inspector of the reasons for the rejection and the State Building Inspector shall resubmit the proposed code in revised form to the committee not later than thirty days after the date of rejection without prejudice. Each resubmission of the proposed code under this

subsection shall include a summary of any revisions to the proposed code. The committee shall have not more than forty-five days after the receipt of the resubmittal to review and take action on such resubmitted proposed code in the same manner as provided in subsection (f) of this section.

(i) The State Building Code or any amendment thereto approved or deemed approved by the committee pursuant to subsection (f) of this section is effective and enforceable against any person or party upon its posting on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services, except that: (1) If a later date is required by statute or specified in the code, the later date is the effective date, and (2) a code may not be effective before the effective date of the public act requiring or permitting the code. Such posting shall include a statement by the State Building Inspector certifying that the electronic copy of the code is a true and accurate copy of the code approved or deemed approved in accordance with subsection (f) of this section. The electronic copy of the State Building Code posted on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services shall be the official version for all purposes, including all legal and administrative proceedings.

(j) No provision of the State Building Code or any amendment thereto adopted after the effective date of this section is valid unless adopted in substantial compliance with the requirements of this section. A proceeding to contest any provision of the code on the ground of noncompliance with the requirements of this section shall be commenced within two years from the effective date of the code.

(k) The State Building Inspector shall advise the public concerning how to obtain a copy of the State Building Code and any amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) For the purposes of this

section, "proposed code" means a proposal by the State Fire Marshal, in coordination with the advisory committee for a new State Fire Prevention Code or for a change in, addition to or repeal of any provision of the State Fire Prevention Code and "advisory committee" means the advisory committee established under subsection (b) of section 29-291a of the general statutes.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, the adoption of the State Fire Prevention Code and any amendments thereto shall not be required to comply with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, except as provided in this section.

(c) Prior to the adoption of the State Fire Prevention Code and any amendments thereto, the State Fire Marshal shall (1) post any proposed code, a statement of purpose for which the proposed code is proposed, a fiscal note associated with compliance with the proposed code prepared pursuant to section 4-168 of the general statutes and a regulatory flexibility analysis prepared pursuant to section 4-168a of the general statutes on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services, (2) give notice electronically to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security, (3) give notice to any person who has requested the State Fire Marshal for advance notice of the proposed code adoption proceedings, (4) provide for a public comment period of forty-five days following the posting of such proposed code, fiscal note and regulatory flexibility analysis, and (5) hold a public hearing on the proposed code not less than twenty nor more than thirty-five days after such posting.

(d) After the close of the public comment period, the State Fire Marshal, in coordination with the advisory committee, shall respond to each written and oral comment respecting the proposed code received during the public comment period and at the public hearing. Such

response shall include any change made to the proposed code if applicable, and the rationale for such change. The State Fire Marshal shall post such response on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services not later than thirty days after the close of the public comment period.

(e) The State Fire Marshal, in coordination with the advisory committee, shall create and maintain a code-making record for each proposed code, submit such code-making record electronically to the standing legislative regulation review committee and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security, and post such code-making record on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services. Such code-making record shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The final wording of the proposed code in a format consistent with a nationally recognized model building code, (2) the fiscal note prepared pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (3) the regulatory flexibility analysis prepared pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (4) all written and oral comments received during the public comment period, and (5) the response to such comments prepared pursuant to subsection.

(f) The standing legislative regulation review committee shall have not more than forty-five days from the date the code-making record is submitted to the committee pursuant to subsection (e) of this section to convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject without prejudice the proposed code, in whole or in part. If the proposed code is withdrawn, the State Fire Marshal shall resubmit the proposed code and the committee shall have not more than forty-five days from the date of such resubmittal to convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject without prejudice the resubmitted proposed code. If the committee notifies the State Fire Marshal in writing that it is waiving its right to convene a meeting or does not act on a proposed code or a

resubmitted proposed code, as the case may be, within such forty-fiveday period, the proposed code or resubmitted proposed code shall be deemed to be approved by the committee.

(g) If the committee disapproves a proposed code, in whole or in part, the committee shall notify the State Fire Marshal of the disapproval and the reasons for the disapproval. The State Fire Marshal shall not take any action to implement such disapproved code, except that the State Fire Marshal may submit a substantively new proposed code in accordance with the provisions of this section, provided the General Assembly may reverse such disapproval in accordance with the provisions of section 4-171 of the general statutes.

(h) If the committee rejects a proposed code without prejudice, in whole or in part, the committee shall notify the State Fire Marshal of the reasons for the rejection and the State Fire Marshal shall resubmit the proposed code in revised form to the committee not later than thirty days after the date of rejection without prejudice. Each resubmission of the proposed code under this subsection shall include a summary of any revisions to the proposed code. The committee shall have not more than forty-five days after the receipt of the resubmittal to review and take action on such resubmitted proposed code in the same manner as provided in subsection (f) of this section.

(i) The State Fire Prevention Code or any amendment thereto approved or deemed approved by the committee pursuant to subsection (f) of this section is effective and enforceable against any person or party upon its posting on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services, except that: (1) If a later date is required by statute or specified in the code, the later date is the effective date, and (2) a code may not be effective before the effective date of the public act requiring or permitting the code. Such posting shall include a statement by the State Fire Marshal certifying that the electronic copy of the code is a true and accurate copy of the code

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approved or deemed approved in accordance with subsection (f) of this section. The electronic copy of the State Fire Prevention Code posted on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services shall be the official version for all purposes, including all legal and administrative proceedings.

(j) No provision of the State Fire Prevention Code or any amendment thereto adopted after the effective date of this section is valid unless adopted in substantial compliance with the requirements of this section. A proceeding to contest any provision of the code on the ground of noncompliance with the requirements of this section shall be commenced within two years from the effective date of the code.

(k) The State Fire Marshal shall advise the public concerning how to obtain a copy of the State Fire Prevention Code and any amendments thereto.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this section, "proposed code" means a proposal by the State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee for a new Fire Safety Code or for a change in, addition to or repeal of any provision of the Fire Safety Code.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, the adoption of the Fire Safety Code and any amendments thereto shall not be required to comply with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, except as provided in this section.

(c) Prior to the adoption of the Fire Safety Code and any amendments thereto, the State Fire Marshal shall (1) post any proposed code, a statement of purpose for which the proposed code is proposed, a fiscal note associated with compliance with the proposed code prepared pursuant to section 4-168 of the general statutes, and a

regulatory flexibility analysis prepared pursuant to section 4-168a of the general statutes on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services, (2) give notice electronically to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security, (3) give notice to any person who has requested the State Fire Marshal for advance notice of the proposed code adoption proceedings, (4) provide for a public comment period of forty-five days following the posting of such proposed code, fiscal note and regulatory flexibility analysis, and (5) hold a public hearing on the proposed code not less than twenty nor more than thirty-five days after such posting.

(d) After the close of the public comment period, the State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee shall respond to each written and oral comment respecting the proposed code received during the public comment period and at the public hearing. Such response shall include any change made to the proposed code if applicable, and the rationale for such change. The State Fire Marshal shall post such response on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services not later than thirty days after the close of the public comment period.

(e) The State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee shall create and maintain a code-making record for each proposed code, submit such code-making record electronically to the standing legislative regulation review committee and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security, and post such code-making record on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services. Such code-making record shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) The final wording of the proposed code in a format consistent with a nationally recognized model building code, (2) the fiscal note prepared pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (3) the

regulatory flexibility analysis prepared pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (4) all written and oral comments received during the public comment period, and (5) the response to such comments prepared pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

(f) The standing legislative regulation review committee shall have not more than forty-five days from the date the code-making record is submitted to the committee pursuant to subsection (e) of this section to convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject without prejudice the proposed code, in whole or in part. If the proposed code is withdrawn, the State Fire Marshal shall resubmit the proposed code and the committee shall have not more than forty-five days from the date of such resubmittal to convene a meeting to approve, disapprove or reject without prejudice the resubmitted proposed code. If the committee notifies the State Fire Marshal in writing that it is waiving its right to convene a meeting or does not act on a proposed code or a resubmitted proposed code, as the case may be, within such forty-fiveday period, the proposed code or resubmitted proposed code shall be deemed to be approved by the committee.

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resubmission of the proposed code under this subsection shall include a summary of any revisions to the proposed code. The committee shall have not more than forty-five days after the receipt of the resubmittal to review and take action on such resubmitted proposed code in the same manner as provided in subsection (f) of this section.

(i) The Fire Safety Code or any amendment thereto approved or deemed approved by the committee pursuant to subsection (f) of this section is effective and enforceable against any person or party upon its posting on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services, except that: (1) If a later date is required by statute or specified in the code, the later date is the effective date, and (2) a code may not be effective before the effective date of the public act requiring or permitting the code. Such posting shall include a statement by the State Fire Marshal certifying that the electronic copy of the code is a true and accurate copy of the code approved or deemed approved in accordance with subsection (f) of this section. The electronic copy of the Fire Safety Code posted on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services shall be the official version for all purposes, including all legal and administrative proceedings.

(j) No provision of the Fire Safety Code or any amendment thereto adopted after the effective date of this section is valid unless adopted in substantial compliance with the requirements of this section. A proceeding to contest any provision of the code on the ground of noncompliance with the requirements of this section shall be commenced within two years from the effective date of the code.

(k) The State Fire Marshal shall advise the public concerning how to obtain a copy of the Fire Safety Code and any amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. Section 4-173 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Secretary of the State may omit from the regulations of Connecticut state agencies posted on the eRegulations System (1) any regulation of a federal agency or a government agency of another state that is incorporated by reference into a Connecticut regulation, [and] (2) any regulation that is incorporated by reference into a Connecticut regulation and to which a third party holds the intellectual property rights, (3) the State Building Code, (4) the State Fire Prevention Code, and (5) the State Fire Safety Code. The Secretary of the State may post a link on the eRegulations System to an electronic copy of the State Building Code, the State Fire Prevention Code, the State Fire Safety <u>Code and</u> any document incorporated by reference, if available and not prohibited by any state or federal law, rule or regulation. Such link shall not be considered to be a part of the official compilation of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies. Each agency that incorporates a document by reference into a regulation shall maintain a copy of such document readily available for public inspection in the principal office of the agency, except for a regulation of a federal agency or a government agency of another state that is published by or otherwise available in printed or electronic form from such federal or government agency. Copies of the State Building Code, the State Fire Prevention Code and the State Fire Safety Code shall be readily available for public inspection in the principal office of the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 29-252 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) As used in this subsection, "geotechnical" means any geological condition, such as soil and subsurface soil condition, which may affect the structural characteristics of a building or structure. The State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall, jointly, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative

Services and in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of this act, adopt and administer a State Building Code based on a nationally recognized model building code for the purpose of regulating the design, construction and use of buildings or structures to be erected and the alteration of buildings or structures already erected and make such amendments thereto as they, from time to time, deem necessary or desirable. Such amendments shall be limited to administrative matters, geotechnical and weather-related portions of said code, amendments to said code necessitated by a provision of the general statutes and any other matter which, based on substantial evidence, necessitates an amendment to said code. The code shall be revised [not later than January 1, 2005, and thereafter] as deemed necessary to incorporate any subsequent revisions to the code not later than eighteen months following the date of first publication of such subsequent revisions to the code. The purpose of said Building Code shall also include, but not be limited to, promoting and ensuring that such buildings and structures are designed and constructed in such a manner as to conserve energy and, wherever practicable, facilitate the use of renewable energy resources, including provisions for electric circuits capable of supporting electric vehicle charging in any newly constructed residential garage in any code adopted after July 8, 2013. Said Building Code includes any code, rule or regulation incorporated therein by reference.

Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 29-291a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The State Fire Marshal, in coordination with the advisory committee established under subsection (b) of this section <u>and in</u> <u>accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act</u>, shall adopt and administer a State Fire Prevention Code based on a nationally recognized fire prevention code. Said code shall be used to enhance the

enforcement capabilities of local fire marshals and for the purposes of prevention of fire and other related emergencies. Said code shall be [adopted not later than October 1, 2008, and shall be] revised [thereafter] as deemed necessary to incorporate any subsequent revisions to the code not later than eighteen months following the date of first publication of such revisions.

Sec. 7. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 29-292 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) (1) The State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee shall adopt and administer a Fire Safety Code and at any time may amend the same in accordance with the provisions of section <u>3 of this act</u>. The code shall be based on a nationally recognized model fire code and shall be revised [not later than January 1, 2005, and thereafter] as deemed necessary to incorporate advances in technologies and improvements in construction materials and any subsequent revisions to the code not later than eighteen months following the date of first publication of such revisions to the code, unless the State Fire Marshal and the committee certify that a revision is not necessary for such purpose. The regulations in said code shall provide for reasonable safety from fire, smoke and panic therefrom, in all buildings and areas adjacent thereto except in private dwellings occupied by one or two families and upon all premises, and shall include provision for (A) carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment in (i) new residential buildings not exempt under regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection and designed to be occupied by one or two families for which a building permit for new occupancy is issued on or after October 1, 2005, and (ii) all public or nonpublic school buildings, and (B) smoke detection and warning equipment in (i) residential buildings designed to be occupied by two or more families, (ii) new residential buildings designed to be occupied

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by one family for which a building permit for new occupancy is issued on or after October 1, 1978, requiring equipment complying with the Fire Safety Code, and (iii) new residential buildings designed to be occupied by one or more families for which a building permit for new occupancy is issued on or after October 1, 1985, requiring equipment capable of operation using alternating current and batteries.

Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 29-254 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Any town, city or borough or any interested person may propose amendments to the State Building Code, which proposed amendments may be either applicable to all municipalities or, where it is alleged and established that conditions exist within a municipality which are not generally found within other municipalities, any such amendment may be restricted in application to such municipality. Each amendment to the State Building Code shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of [chapter 54] <u>section 1 of this act</u>.

Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 29-256 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) Not later than January 1, 2005, the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of [chapter 54] <u>sections</u> <u>1 and 3 of this act</u>, to implement the provisions of this section.

Sec. 10. Section 29-256c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Not later than January 1, 2000, the State Building Inspector and the State Fire Marshal, in conjunction with the Codes and Standards Committee, shall make amendments to the State Building Code and the Fire Safety Code concerning bed and breakfast establishments.

Such amendments shall: (1) Be adopted in accordance with the provisions of [chapter 54] <u>sections 1 and 3 of this act</u>; (2) define the term "bed and breakfast"; and (3) be designed to preserve the unique character of such establishments, contain the cost of conversion of a home to such an establishment and support the tourism industry in the state, provided such amendments shall not affect the safe design, use or construction of such establishments.

Sec. 11. Subsection (c) of section 29-259 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) Regulations or codes made or amended by authority of this section shall [, after a public hearing called for that purpose by the State Building Inspector not less than thirty days before the date of such hearing, be filed by the State Building Inspector with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 and he shall thereafter make copies available to persons having an interest therein] <u>be adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of this act</u>.

Sec. 12. Subsection (c) of section 29-269 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) Regulations or codes made or amended by authority of this section shall [, after a public hearing called for that purpose by the State Building Inspector not less than thirty days before the date of such hearing, be filed by the State Building Inspector with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 and he shall thereafter make copies available to persons having an interest therein] <u>be adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of this act</u>.

Sec. 13. Section 29-294 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Fire Safety Code and all amendments to said code shall be [registered with the Secretary of the State and published in accordance with section 4-173,] <u>posted on the Internet web site of the Department</u> <u>of Administrative Services in accordance with section 3 of this act</u> and, in addition, a copy shall be provided to each local fire marshal, fire chief and building inspector, and [such] other governmental officials [as] <u>who</u> request said code.

Sec. 14. Subsection (d) of section 29-313 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(d) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of [chapter 54 prescribing] section 2 of this act, to prescribe requirements and specifications for the installation or use of fire extinguishers and extinguishing agents. Such regulations shall be incorporated into the State Fire Prevention Code. In adopting such regulations, the commissioner may adopt by reference standards concerning the selection, installation, maintenance, design and testing of portable fire extinguishing equipment and extinguishing agents as set forth by the National Fire Protection Association.

Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 29-317 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of [chapter 54, prescribing] <u>section 2 of this act, to prescribe</u> reasonable minimum requirements for the installation of oil burners and equipment used in

connection therewith, including tanks, piping, pumps, control devices and accessories. Such regulations shall be incorporated into the State Fire Prevention Code and shall include provisions for the prevention of injury to life and damage to property, and protection from hazards incident to the installation and operation of such oil burners and equipment.

Sec. 16. Section 29-320 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall adopt and may amend [,] reasonable regulations, in accordance with the provisions of [chapter 54] <u>section 2 of this act</u>, concerning the safe storage, use, transportation by any mode and transmission by pipeline of flammable or combustible liquids. Such regulations shall be incorporated into the State Fire Prevention Code and shall include provisions for the prevention of damage to property and injury to life, and protection from hazards incident to the storage, use, transportation by any mode and transmission by pipeline of such liquids. The commissioner shall enforce such regulations. Such regulations shall not apply to any electric distribution company or gas company, as such terms are defined in section 16-1.

Sec. 17. Section 29-337 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall adopt reasonable regulations, in accordance with the provisions of [chapter 54] <u>section 2 of this act</u>, concerning the safe storage, transportation by any mode and transmission by pipeline of hazardous chemicals. Such regulations shall be incorporated into the State Fire Prevention Code and may adopt by reference standards as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 49, Parts 100 through 199, as amended, and include provisions for the prevention of damage to property and

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injury to life, and protection from hazards incident to the storage, transportation by any mode and transmission by pipeline of such chemicals.