



BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Judiciary

Bill 20-0630

Building, Fire, and Related Codes - Adoption of International Green Construction Code (2018)

Sponsor: President Scott (On behalf of DHCD)

Introduced: October 19, 2020

Purpose:

For the purpose of amending the Building, Fire, and Related Code Article to repeal the International Green Construction Code (2012 Edition) and substitute, subject to local additions, deletions, amendments and modifications, the International Green Construction Code (2018 Edition); and providing for the effective date, construction, and application of the new Green Construction Code.

Effective: The date it is enacted

AGENCY REPORTS

Department of Housing and Community Development	
City Solicitor	
Department of Planning	
Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals	
Fire Department	
Department of Public Works	
Department of Transportation	
Department of General Services	

ANALYSIS

Current Law

Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes, Sections IBC §§ 101.4.9 and 202.2.37.4, and IPMC § 102.3(9); and Part XI. International Green Construction Code (2012 Edition). Baltimore City Revised Code (2020 Edition).

Bill Summary and Background

The bill would amend the Building, Fire, and Related Code Article to repeal the International Green Construction Code (2012 Edition) and substitute, subject to local additions, deletions, amendments and modifications, the International Green Construction Code (2018 Edition).

The purpose of the Green Construction Code is to provide minimum requirements for the siting, design, construction, and plans for operation of high-performance green buildings to: reduce emissions from buildings and building systems; enhance building occupant health and comfort; conserve water resources; protect local biodiversity and ecosystem services; promote sustainable and regenerative materials cycles; enhance building quality; enhance resilience to natural, technological, and human-caused hazards; and support the goal of development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

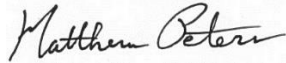
The Code contains requirements that address site sustainability, water use efficiency, energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality (IEQ), materials and resources, and construction and plans for operation. It also provides for the administration, enforcement, interpretation, and application of its requirements.

The bill is effective the date it is enacted. However, except as expressly provided to the contrary, any transaction, case, proceeding, investigation, or other matter validly begun before the effective date and affected by or flowing from any law amended or repealed by the bill, and any right, duty, or interest flowing from any ordinance amended or repealed by this bill, remains valid after the effective date and may be terminated, completed, enforced, or prosecuted as required or permitted by the prior law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): International Green Construction Code (2018 Edition), Bill 20-0630.



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