

2023 1ST QUARTER

Code Minute Newsletter

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Important Information About MTCOA

Membership dues for 23-24 are July 1. We also need all jurisdictions to update their staff list with all new hires when filling out due's forms. This helps with classes and participants receiving their hours. **Membership dues are now able to be paid on the [MTCOA website](#) by credit card!**

Important Upcoming Dates

March: 2018 IRC Wall Bracing - Speaker will be Kyle Tilley from APA.

April: TBOA Annual Conference

May: Cradle to Grave for Permits - Speaker will be Charles Derflinger

Changes In Law

Due to the amount of law changes proposed in the General Assembly this year please see the second page to this newsletter. HB 1010 SB 0707 has been withdrawn until next year. This is a major bill and we need to keep an eye on this next year. It would allow a contractor to hire a private inspector. HB 799 SB 1377 has been amended to not allow any jurisdiction to adopt any code stricter than the energy code that the state has adopted.

State Fire Marshal Classes

MTCOA board, State Fire Marshals Office, and State Legislatures are working together to start offering classes again in Bell Buckle, Tennessee for building certifications. This is developing and we will keep the members updated on any changes.

MTCOA at NSCC

1st Vice President Alex West represented MTCOA at a codes related class taught at Nashville State Community College. The presentation was about MTCOA and encouraging new people into codes.

Fees for In Person Classes

The Board meet on February 15 and one item of discussion was concerning fees for classes. The board voted unanimously to start charging \$15 per person per class for those classes 4 hours or less. For the classes 4 hours or more the fee will be \$25 per person per class. These fees will help cover the cost of hosting in person classes. **All online classes will still be free!**

MTCOA appreciates all codes officials that are striving to make middle Tennessee a safer and better place to live.

Congratulations to MTCOA President Johnny Morris on receiving his CBO.

If any jurisdiction has anything or anyone they would like to highlight in the newsletter please email at board@mtcoa.org.

Bill Number	Composite Abstract	Last Action	Date
<u>HB0105</u> by Thompson by	<u>Codes</u> - As introduced, increases from \$10 to \$250 per year the limit on the fee that an agency or department of local government that is responsible for enforcing building codes in the jurisdiction where the landlord's dwelling units are located may charge the landlord for registering with the agency or government; increases from \$50 to \$100 per week the fine that a landlord who fails to register is to be assessed. - Amends TCA Title 66, Chapter 28.	Withdrawn.	1/30/2023
<u>HB0296</u> by Freeman	<u>Codes</u> - As introduced, authorizes a person entering into employment as a municipal or county building, plumbing, mechanical, or electrical inspector with an exempt jurisdiction to perform field inspections as of the date of employment; requires such persons to obtain either a commercial or residential certification, or both, in their respective discipline within 12 months of the date of employment. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 120, Part 1.	HB0296: Assigned to s/c Business & Utilities Subcommittee SB0723: Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee	1/24/2023 2/2/2023
<u>SB0723</u> by Yarbro			
<u>HB0781</u> by Helton-Haynes	<u>Codes</u> - As introduced, provides that a resolution adopted by a county or municipal legislative body on or after July 1, 2023, to exempt itself from the statewide building construction standards relative to one-family and two-family dwellings expires 150 days, instead of 180 days, following the date of the election for the local legislative body next occurring following the adoption of the resolution. - Amends TCA Section 68-120-101.	HB0781: P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. SB0554: Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee	2/2/2023 1/30/2023
<u>SB0554</u> by Gardenhire			
<u>HB0799</u> by Zachary	<u>Codes</u> - As introduced, requires that the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code published by the International Code Council be used for the minimum energy conservation standards for new residential construction. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3; Title 13, Chapter 19 and Title 68, Chapter 120.	HB0799: Assigned to s/c Business & Utilities Subcommittee SB1377: Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee	2/7/2023 2/6/2023
<u>SB1377</u> by Southerland			
<u>HB1010</u> by Grills	<u>Codes</u> - As introduced, lowers the population threshold, from 25,000 to 20,000, below which two or more cities may agree to jointly engage one building inspector. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 68, Chapter 120.	HB1010: P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. SB0707: Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee	2/2/2023 2/2/2023
<u>SB0707</u> by Stevens			
<u>HB1452</u> by Faison	<u>Codes</u> - As introduced, expands the exemption of certain steam boilers used for heating purposes located in private residences or in apartment houses of less than six families from certain inspection requirements from boilers carrying a pressure of not more than 15 pounds per square inch gauge to not more than 16 pounds per square inch gauge. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 122.	HB1452: P2C, caption bill, held on desk - pending amdt. SB0214: Placed on Senate Commerce and Labor Committee calendar for 2/14/2023	2/2/2023 2/7/2023
<u>SB0214</u> by Johnson			
<u>HB0171</u> by Chism	<u>Safety</u> - As introduced, enacts the "Fuel Gas Detector Act"; requires the installation and maintenance of fuel gas detectors in rooms containing an appliance fueled by propane, natural gas, or any liquefied petroleum gas for certain residential buildings. - Amends TCA Title 47; Title 49; Title 66 and Title 68.	HB0171: Assigned to s/c Business & Utilities Subcommittee SB1188: Passed on Second Consideration, refer to Senate Commerce and Labor Committee	1/24/2023 2/6/2023
<u>SB1188</u> by Lamar			



March 6, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005018): Removes the authorization for a local government to adopt energy conservation standards that are stricter than the state code. Exempts a local government from certain minimum statewide building construction safety standards for one-family and two-family construction upon certification in writing to the state fire marshal that it has adopted the International Energy Conservation Code and is not more stringent than the minimum standard adopted by the state.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- It is assumed that most local governments have not adopted energy conservation standards that are stricter than the state code. Therefore, removing the local authority to adopt stricter standards is not expected to result in any significant fiscal impact to local government.
- Exempting certain construction from state building standards is not expected to have any significant impact on state or local government.
- Local governments will be able to provide written certification to the state fire marshal utilizing existing staff and resources, resulting in no significant impact to local expenditures.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation is not expected to have any significant impact on commerce or jobs in the state.

HB 799 - SB 1377