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# ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1301

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**Citations Affected:** IC 4-13.6; IC 10-19; IC 20-19; IC 22-12; IC 22-13; IC 22-15; IC 25-4; IC 25-31; IC 36-1; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Fire and building safety issues. Repeals the statute requiring the division of fire and building safety (division) to employ a state building law compliance officer. Creates the office of state building commissioner, who is appointed by the governor to serve: (1) at the pleasure of the governor; and (2) full time. Provides that the state building commissioner has the duties and responsibilities of the state building law compliance officer. Requires the state building commissioner to issue a written interpretation of a building law or fire safety law not later than 10 business days after the date of receiving a request. Provides that a design release may be issued without a plan  
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**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2014.

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January 15, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

January 21, 2014, amended, reported — Do Pass.

January 23, 2014, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

January 27, 2014, read third time, passed. Yeas 79, nays 15.

#### SENATE ACTION

February 4, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce, Economic Development & Technology.

February 25, 2014, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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review if: (1) the application for a design release is complete; and (2) the application for a design release is not selected for a plan review by the division. Establishes deadlines for the division to conduct plan reviews and provide notices. Provides that, with certain exceptions, if the division fails to provide notice or complete plan review within the time required by statute, a design release must be issued without further review. Provides that if a plan review reveals one or more state building or fire code violations determined by the division to pose a substantial threat to the public health, safety, or welfare: (1) the division is required to notify: (A) the preparer of the plans; (B) the licensing agency of the preparer for possible disciplinary sanctions; and (C) the project owner or general contractor; and (2) the time limitations for plan review do not apply. Requires the division to maintain a single electronic file regarding each project for which a design release application is filed. Specifies the conditions under which a city, town, or county may perform a plan review that is within the authority of the division to perform. Provides that a townhouse is a Class 2 structure (instead of a Class 1 structure) for purposes of the state fire, building, and equipment laws. Provides that a plan review may be limited to the corrections required by the division. Allows for an administrative hearing to be conducted to determine if action is appropriate when the results of a plan review reveal that an engineer or architect knowingly or recklessly submitted plans or specifications that are determined to pose a wanton and willful disregard for the public health, safety, or welfare. Prohibits a political subdivision from adopting an ordinance or other requirement after February 28, 2013, that would require a builder or remodeler to be licensed, certified, permitted, registered, or listed by the political subdivision as a condition to the builder or remodeler constructing or remodeling a residential dwelling. Provides that a political subdivision is not prohibited from licensing, permitting, or registering specific trades or issuing permits and approvals that regulate the use, planning, and development of property. Repeals a noncode provision that prohibits the regulation of builders and remodelers by political subdivisions. (This provision is currently set to expire July 1, 2015.)



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## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1301

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-13.6-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.160-2006,  
2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 3. (a) There is established a certification board.  
4 The following persons shall serve on the certification board:  
5 (1) The director of engineering of the department of natural  
6 resources.  
7 (2) The director.  
8 (3) The **state building law compliance officer commissioner** of  
9 the department of homeland security.  
10 (b) The board shall administer IC 4-13.6-4.  
11 SECTION 2. IC 10-19-7-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,  
12 SECTION 180, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 3. (a) The state fire marshal  
14 appointed under IC 22-14-2-2 shall do the following:

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- 1 (1) Serve as a deputy executive director to manage the division.  
 2 (2) Administer the division.  
 3 (3) Provide staff to support the fire prevention and building safety  
 4 commission established by IC 22-12-2-1.  
 5 (b) The state fire marshal may not exercise any powers or perform  
 6 any duties specifically assigned to either of the following:  
 7 (1) The fire prevention and building safety commission.  
 8 (2) The ~~building law compliance officer~~; **state building**  
 9 **commissioner**.  
 10 (c) The state fire marshal may delegate the state fire marshal's  
 11 authority to the appropriate division staff.  
 12 SECTION 3. IC 10-19-7-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
 13 2014]. ~~Sec. 4. (a) The division shall employ a building law compliance~~  
 14 ~~officer.~~  
 15 ~~(b) An individual must be a design professional with not less than~~  
 16 ~~ten (10) years of experience in the building trades industry to be the~~  
 17 ~~building law compliance officer.~~  
 18 ~~(c) The building law compliance officer shall administer the~~  
 19 ~~building safety laws (as defined in IC 22-12-1-3).~~  
 20 SECTION 4. IC 20-19-2-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008,  
 21 SECTION 451, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 12. (a) The state board shall, in the  
 23 manner provided by IC 4-22-2, adopt rules setting forth nonbinding  
 24 guidelines for the selection of school sites and the construction,  
 25 alteration, and repair of school buildings, athletic facilities, and other  
 26 categories of facilities related to the operation and administration of  
 27 school corporations. The nonbinding guidelines must include:  
 28 (1) preferred location and building practices for school  
 29 corporations, including standards for enhancing health, student  
 30 safety, accessibility, energy efficiency, operating efficiency, and  
 31 instructional efficacy;  
 32 (2) guidelines concerning minimum acreage, cost per square foot  
 33 or cost per ADM (as defined in IC 20-18-2-2), technology  
 34 infrastructure, building materials, per student square footage, and  
 35 other general space requirements, including space for academics,  
 36 administration and staff support, arts education and auditoriums,  
 37 libraries, cafeterias, athletics and physical education,  
 38 transportation facilities, and maintenance and repair facilities; and  
 39 (3) additional guidelines that the state board considers necessary  
 40 for efficient and cost effective construction of school facilities.  
 41 The ~~building law compliance officer appointed under IC 10-19-7-4;~~  
 42 **state building commissioner**, the office of management and budget,



1 and the department of local government finance shall, upon request of  
 2 the board, provide technical assistance as necessary for the  
 3 development of the guidelines.

4 (b) The state board shall annually compile, in a document capable  
 5 of easy revision, the:

6 (1) guidelines described in subsection (a); and

7 (2) rules of the:

8 (A) fire prevention and building safety commission; and

9 (B) state department of health;

10 that govern site selection and the construction, alteration, and repair of  
 11 school buildings.

12 (c) A school corporation shall consider the guidelines adopted under  
 13 subsection (a) when developing plans and specifications for a facility  
 14 described in subsection (a). Before submitting completed written plans  
 15 and specifications for the selection of a school building site or the  
 16 construction or alteration of a school building to the division of fire and  
 17 building safety for issuance of a design release under IC 22-15-3, a  
 18 school corporation shall do the following:

19 (1) Submit the proposed plans and specifications to the  
 20 department. Within thirty (30) days after the department receives  
 21 the plans and specifications, the department shall:

22 (A) review the plans and specifications to determine whether  
 23 they comply with the guidelines adopted under subsection (a);  
 24 and

25 (B) provide written recommendations concerning the plans  
 26 and specifications to the school corporation, which must  
 27 include findings as to any material differences between the  
 28 plans and specifications and the guidelines adopted under  
 29 subsection (a).

30 (2) After the earlier of:

31 (A) receipt of the recommendations provided under  
 32 subdivision (1)(B); or

33 (B) the date that is thirty (30) days after the date the  
 34 department received the plans and specifications under  
 35 subdivision (1)(A);

36 issue a public document that describes the recommendations, if  
 37 any, and any material differences between the plans and  
 38 specifications prepared by the school corporation and the  
 39 guidelines adopted under subsection (a), as determined under the  
 40 guidelines adopted by the state board.

41 (3) After publishing a notice of the public hearing under IC 5-3-1,  
 42 conduct a public hearing to receive public comment concerning



1 the school corporation's plans and specifications.  
 2 After the public hearing and without conducting another public hearing  
 3 under this subsection, the governing body may revise the plans and  
 4 specifications or submit the plans and specifications to the division of  
 5 fire and building safety without making changes. The school  
 6 corporation shall revise the public document described in subdivision  
 7 (2) to identify any changes in the plans and specifications after the  
 8 public document's initial preparation.

9 SECTION 5. IC 22-12-1-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.72-2008,  
 10 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 11 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. (a) "Class 2 structure" means any part of the  
 12 following:

13 (1) A **townhouse or a** building or structure that is intended to  
 14 contain or contains only one (1) dwelling unit or two (2) dwelling  
 15 units unless any part of the building or structure is regularly used  
 16 as a Class 1 structure.

17 (2) An outbuilding for a structure described in subdivision (1),  
 18 such as a garage, barn, or family swimming pool, including an  
 19 above ground swimming pool, unless any part of the outbuilding  
 20 is regularly used as a Class 1 structure.

21 (b) Subsection (a) does not include a vehicular bridge.

22 (c) **For purposes of subsection (a)(1), "townhouse" means a**  
 23 **single-family dwelling unit constructed in a group of three (3) or**  
 24 **more attached units in which each unit:**

25 (1) **extends from foundation to roof;**

26 (2) **is not more than three (3) stories in height;**

27 (3) **is separated from each adjoining unit by:**

28 (A) **two (2) one (1) hour fire-resistance rated walls with**  
 29 **exposure from both sides; or**

30 (B) **a common two (2) hour fire-resistance rated wall; and**

31 (4) **has open space on at least two (2) sides.**

32 SECTION 6. IC 22-12-6-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 33 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. (a) The commission  
 34 may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 setting a fee schedule for the  
 35 following:

36 (1) Fireworks display permits issued under IC 22-11-14-2.

37 (2) Explosives magazine permits issued under IC 35-47.5-4.

38 (3) Design releases issued under IC 22-15-3 **and IC 22-15-3.2.**

39 (4) Certification of industrialized building systems and mobile  
 40 structures under IC 22-15-4.

41 (5) Inspection of regulated amusement devices under IC 22-15-7.

42 (6) Application fees for variance requests under IC 22-13-2-11



- 1 and inspection fees for exemptions under IC 22-13-4-5.  
 2 (7) Permitting and inspection of regulated lifting devices under  
 3 IC 22-15-5.  
 4 (8) Permitting and inspection of regulated boiler and pressure  
 5 vessels under IC 22-15-6.  
 6 (9) Licensing of:  
 7 (A) boiler and pressure vessel inspectors under IC 22-15-6-5;  
 8 and  
 9 (B) an owner or user boiler and pressure vessel inspection  
 10 agency under IC 22-15-6-6.  
 11 (10) Licensing of elevator contractors, elevator inspectors, and  
 12 elevator mechanics under IC 22-15-5-6 through IC 22-15-5-16.  
 13 (b) Fee schedules set under this section must be sufficient to pay all  
 14 of the costs, direct and indirect, that are payable from the fund into  
 15 which the fee must be deposited, after deducting other money deposited  
 16 in the fund. In setting these fee schedules, the commission may  
 17 consider differences in the degree or complexity of the activity being  
 18 performed for each fee.  
 19 (c) The fee schedule set for design releases issued under subsection  
 20 (a)(3) may not be changed more than one (1) time each year. The  
 21 commission may include in this fee schedule a fee for the review of  
 22 plans and specifications and, if a political subdivision does not have a  
 23 program to periodically inspect the construction covered by the design  
 24 release, a fee for inspecting the construction.  
 25 (d) The fee schedule set under subsection (a) for design releases  
 26 may provide that a portion of the fees collected shall be deposited in  
 27 the statewide fire and building safety education fund established under  
 28 section 3 of this chapter.  
 29 SECTION 7. IC 22-13-2-8.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2013,  
 30 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 8.5. (a) The commission shall adopt rules under  
 32 IC 4-22-2 for outdoor event equipment at outdoor performances to  
 33 protect the safety of persons at the outdoor performances. The  
 34 commission may:  
 35 (1) exempt small assemblies of outdoor event equipment, as  
 36 defined by the commission, from some or all fees or other  
 37 requirements that otherwise would apply to outdoor event  
 38 equipment under a rule adopted under this section or another  
 39 building law; or  
 40 (2) establish alternative procedures, fees, or other requirements,  
 41 or any combination, for small assemblies of outdoor event  
 42 equipment, as defined by the commission.



1 (b) The commission may adopt temporary rules in the manner  
 2 provided for the adoption of emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to  
 3 carry out subsection (a), including temporary rules concerning a  
 4 schedule of fees for design releases or inspections, or both. A  
 5 temporary rule adopted under this subsection expires on the earliest of  
 6 the following:

- 7 (1) The date specified in the temporary rule.  
 8 (2) The date another temporary rule adopted under this subsection  
 9 or a rule adopted under IC 4-22-2 supersedes or repeals the  
 10 previously adopted temporary rule.  
 11 (3) January 1, 2016.

12 (c) Subject to this section, a city, town, or county that regulated  
 13 outdoor event equipment before March 15, 2012, under an ordinance  
 14 adopted before March 15, 2012, may, if the ordinance is in effect on  
 15 March 15, 2012, continue to regulate outdoor event equipment under  
 16 the ordinance after March 14, 2012, in the same manner that the city,  
 17 town, or county applied the ordinance before March 15, 2012.  
 18 However, a statewide code of fire safety laws or building laws  
 19 governing outdoor event equipment that is adopted by the commission  
 20 under this section after March 14, 2012, takes precedence over any part  
 21 of a city, town, or county ordinance that is in conflict with the  
 22 commission's adopted code. The ordinances to which this section  
 23 applies include Chapter 536 of the Revised Code of the Consolidated  
 24 City and County Indianapolis/Marion, Indiana Codified through  
 25 Ordinance No. 36, 2011, passed August 15, 2011. (Supp. No. 27). A  
 26 city, town, or county to which this subsection applies need not be  
 27 certified or approved under IC 22-15-3-1 or another law to continue to  
 28 regulate outdoor event equipment after March 14, 2012.

29 (d) This subsection applies to cities, towns, and counties described  
 30 in subsection (c) and any other city, town, or county that, after March  
 31 14, 2012, adopts an ordinance governing outdoor event equipment that  
 32 is approved by the commission or ~~a the state building law compliance~~  
 33 ~~officer.~~ **commissioner.** The city, town, or county shall require  
 34 compliance with:

- 35 (1) the rules adopted under this section;  
 36 (2) orders issued under IC 22-13-2-11 that grant a variance to the  
 37 rules adopted under this section;  
 38 (3) orders issued under IC 22-12-7 that apply the rules adopted  
 39 under this section; and  
 40 (4) a written interpretation of the rules adopted under this section  
 41 binding on the unit under IC 22-13-5-3 or IC 22-13-5-4;  
 42 on both private and public property located within the boundaries of the





1 city, town, or county, including, in the case of a consolidated city, the  
 2 state fairgrounds. This subsection does not limit the authority of a unit  
 3 (as defined in IC 36-1-2-23) under IC 36-7-2-9 to enforce building laws  
 4 and orders and written interpretations related to building laws.

5 SECTION 8. IC 22-13-5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,  
 6 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 7 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) Upon the written request of an interested  
 8 person, the ~~state building law compliance officer in the department of~~  
 9 ~~homeland security~~ **may commissioner of the division of fire and**  
 10 **building safety shall** issue a written interpretation of a building law or  
 11 a fire safety law **not later than ten (10) business days after the date**  
 12 **of receiving a request.** An interpretation issued by the ~~state building~~  
 13 ~~law compliance officer in the department of homeland security~~  
 14 **commissioner** must be consistent with building laws and fire safety  
 15 laws enacted by the general assembly or adopted by the commission.

16 (b) The ~~state building law compliance officer in the department of~~  
 17 ~~homeland security~~ **may commissioner shall** issue a written  
 18 interpretation of a building law or fire safety law under subsection (a)  
 19 whether or not the county or municipality has taken any action to  
 20 enforce the building law or fire safety law.

21 SECTION 9. IC 22-13-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,  
 22 SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 23 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 4. (a) A written interpretation of a building law or  
 24 fire safety law binds all counties and municipalities if the ~~state~~  
 25 ~~building law compliance officer in the department of homeland security~~  
 26 **commissioner** publishes the written interpretation of the building law  
 27 or fire safety law in the Indiana Register under IC 4-22-7-7(b). For  
 28 purposes of IC 4-22-7-7, a written interpretation of a building law or  
 29 fire safety law published by the ~~state building law compliance officer~~  
 30 ~~in the department of homeland security~~ **commissioner** is considered  
 31 adopted by an agency.

32 (b) A written interpretation of a building law or fire safety law  
 33 published under subsection (a) binds all counties and municipalities  
 34 until the earlier of the following:

- 35 (1) The general assembly enacts a statute that substantively  
 36 changes the building law or fire safety law interpreted or voids the  
 37 written interpretation.
- 38 (2) The commission adopts a rule under IC 4-22-2 to state a  
 39 different interpretation of the building law or fire safety law.
- 40 (3) The written interpretation is found to be an erroneous  
 41 interpretation of the building law or fire safety law in a judicial  
 42 proceeding.



1 (4) The ~~state building law compliance officer in the department~~  
 2 ~~of homeland security commissioner~~ publishes a different written  
 3 interpretation of the building law or fire safety law.

4 (c) **The department or the state building commissioner may**  
 5 **create an electronic data base for the purpose of cataloging all**  
 6 **available variance rulings by the commission for the purpose of**  
 7 **making the information available to the public on the Internet web**  
 8 **site of the department or the state building commissioner.**

9 SECTION 10. IC 22-15-2-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 10 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 5.5. (a) The governor shall**  
 12 **appoint a state building commissioner. The state building**  
 13 **commissioner shall serve:**

14 (1) **at the pleasure of the governor; and**

15 (2) **as a full-time employee of the office.**

16 (b) **The state building commissioner must be a registered or**  
 17 **licensed design professional under IC 25-4 or IC 25-31, as**  
 18 **appropriate, with at least ten (10) years of experience in the**  
 19 **building trades industry.**

20 SECTION 11. IC 22-15-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,  
 21 SECTION 384, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 6. (a) To carry out the division's**  
 23 **responsibilities, the division or an employee or another agent of the**  
 24 **division may:**

25 (1) **exercise any program of supervision that is approved by the**  
 26 **commission, if the responsibility involves the administration or**  
 27 **enforcement of a building law;**

28 (2) **enter and inspect any property, at a reasonable hour;**

29 (3) **issue and enforce administrative orders under IC 22-12-7 and**  
 30 **apply for judicial orders under IC 22-12-7-13; and**

31 (4) **cooperate with law enforcement officers and political**  
 32 **subdivisions that have jurisdiction over a matter.**

33 (b) **To carry out the state building law compliance officer's**  
 34 **commissioner's responsibilities, the state building law compliance**  
 35 **officer commissioner may shall issue a written interpretation of any**  
 36 **building law under IC 22-13-5.**

37 SECTION 12. IC 22-15-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,  
 38 SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 39 JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 1. (a) The state building law compliance officer**  
 40 **employed under IC 10-19-7-4 commissioner shall issue a design**  
 41 **release for:**

42 (1) **the construction of a Class 1 structure to an applicant who**



1 qualifies under section 2 or 3 of this chapter; and

2 (2) the fabrication of an industrial building system or mobile  
3 structure under section 4 of this chapter.

4 (b) ~~The building law compliance officer may issue a design release~~  
5 ~~based on A plan review for which the division has the authority~~  
6 ~~under this chapter or IC 22-15-3.2 to perform and issue a design~~  
7 ~~release may not be performed by a city, town, or county, except if the~~  
8 ~~city, town, or county performs a review as part of:~~

9 (1) ~~an inspection program for the purpose of ensuring~~  
10 ~~compliance with the fire and life safety laws and rules; or~~

11 (2) ~~a voluntary plan review program of the city, town, or~~  
12 ~~county.~~

13 if

14 (1) ~~the building law compliance officer has certified that the city,~~  
15 ~~town, or county is competent; and~~

16 (2) ~~the city, town, or county has adopted the rules of the~~  
17 ~~commission under IC 22-13-2-3.~~

18 (c) ~~For the purposes of subsection (c)(1), competency must be~~  
19 ~~established by a test approved by the commission and administered by~~  
20 ~~the division of education and information:~~

21 (d) (c) ~~A design release issued under this chapter expires on the date~~  
22 ~~specified in the rules adopted by the commission.~~

23 SECTION 13. IC 22-15-3-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,  
24 SECTION 388, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. (a) Pending the completion of the  
26 review of an application, the division may issue:

27 (1) a design release for part of the construction proposed in an  
28 application, if that part of the construction qualifies for release  
29 under this chapter; or

30 (2) a provisional release for any part of the construction proposed  
31 in an application, under the conditions specified by the division.

32 (b) **Issuance of a design release or provisional release under this**  
33 **section for any part of construction proposed in an application does**  
34 **not toll or affect the time limitations for completing the review of**  
35 **the application or providing notice under IC 22-15-3.2.**

36 SECTION 14. IC 22-15-3.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
37 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
38 JULY 1, 2014]:

39 **Chapter 3.2. Design Releases**

40 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "applicant" means a person who**  
41 **applies for a design release under IC 22-15-3.**

42 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "application" means an**



1 application for a design release and any supporting plans and  
2 specifications.

3 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "design professional" means:

- 4 (1) an architect registered under IC 25-4-1; or  
5 (2) a professional engineer registered under IC 25-31.

6 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "division" means the division of  
7 fire and building safety.

8 Sec. 5. Any notice required under this chapter may be provided:

- 9 (1) by mail; or  
10 (2) by electronic mail, if the applicant provides an electronic  
11 mail address.

12 Sec. 6. An applicant for a design release shall submit an  
13 application meeting the requirements of IC 22-15-3 to the division.

14 Sec. 7. (a) A design release shall be issued to an applicant  
15 without a plan review if:

- 16 (1) the applicant submits a complete application; and  
17 (2) the division does not select the application for a plan  
18 review under this section.

19 (b) The division may select any application for design release to  
20 be subject to a plan review. The division has complete discretion in  
21 the criteria used by the division to select a design release  
22 application for a plan review. A criterion used by the division may  
23 be whether the design professional has received disciplinary  
24 sanctions under IC 25-1-11-12 within the preceding five (5) years.

25 Sec. 8. Upon receiving a complete application for a design  
26 release, the division shall do one (1) of the following:

27 (1) Not later than ten (10) business days after the application  
28 is received, send written notice to the applicant that a design  
29 release will be issued. Not later than the next business day  
30 after the date the notice is sent, the division shall provide the  
31 applicant with:

- 32 (A) a copy of the design release; or  
33 (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary  
34 design release until the applicant receives a copy of the  
35 design release.

36 (2) Not later than ten (10) business days after the application  
37 is received, send written notice that a plan review will be  
38 conducted. However, if the applicant does not receive the  
39 notice within the period specified in this subdivision, the  
40 division shall, not later than the eleventh day after the date a  
41 complete application is received, provide the applicant with:

- 42 (A) a copy of the design release; or



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(B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary design release until the applicant receives a copy of the design release.

**Sec. 9. If the division sends an applicant notice of a plan review under section 8(2) of this chapter within the period required, the division shall do one (1) of the following:**

**(1) Not later than twenty (20) business days after the date that notice of the plan review is sent, send notice to the applicant that the plans and specifications have been approved for a design release as submitted. The division shall, not later than the next business day after the date that notice is sent to the applicant, provide to the applicant:**

- (A) a copy of the design release; or**
- (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary design release until the applicant receives a copy of the design release.**

**(2) Not later than twenty (20) business days after the date that notice of the plan review is sent, send notice to the applicant that a design release will not be issued until the applicant submits corrections to the plans. However, if the applicant does not receive notice within the period specified in this subdivision, the division shall, not later than the twenty-first business day after the date that notice of a plan review is sent under section 10 of this chapter, provide the applicant with:**

- (A) a copy of the design release; or**
- (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary design release until the applicant receives a copy of the design release.**

**Sec. 10. (a) If the division receives corrections to a plan in response to a notice sent under section 9(2) of this chapter, and any time the division receives corrections to a notice under subdivision (2) thereafter, the division shall do one (1) of the following:**

**(1) Not later than ten (10) business days after receiving the corrections, send notice to the applicant that the corrected plans have been approved for a design release as submitted. The division shall, not later than the next business day after the date that notice is sent to the applicant, provide to the applicant:**

- (A) a copy of the design release; or**
- (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary design release until the applicant receives a copy of the design release.**



1 (2) Not later than ten (10) business days after receiving the  
2 corrections, send notice to the applicant that a design release  
3 will not be issued until the applicant submits additional  
4 corrections. However, if the applicant does not receive the  
5 notice within the period specified in this subdivision, the  
6 division shall, not later than the eleventh business day after  
7 the date that the corrections are received by the division,  
8 provide the applicant with:

9 (A) a copy of the design release; or

10 (B) a confirmation number that serves as a temporary  
11 design release until the applicant receives a copy of the  
12 design release.

13 (b) A review under this section is limited to the corrections  
14 required by the division pursuant to notice sent under section 9(2)  
15 of this chapter or subsection (a)(2). All other parts of a project not  
16 directly related to corrections required by the division, including  
17 previously completed corrections that the division has already  
18 accepted, are deemed approved for a design release and may not  
19 be included in subsequent notice requests sent under this section.  
20 Except for a project reviewed under IC 22-15-3-6 and subject to  
21 the deadlines set forth in this chapter, the division may delay  
22 issuing a design release until all corrections to a project have been  
23 accepted by the division.

24 Sec. 11. (a) This section applies if the results of a plan review  
25 reveal that a design professional knowingly or recklessly submitted  
26 plans or specifications containing one (1) or more violations of the  
27 rules of the commission that are determined by the division and the  
28 commission to pose a wanton and willful disregard for the public  
29 health, safety, or welfare.

30 (b) The provisions regarding the time limitations for review and  
31 notice under this chapter do not apply, and the division is not  
32 required to issue a design release and confirmation number for  
33 providing notice. The division shall send written notice of its  
34 determination to:

35 (1) the design professional's licensing or registration authority  
36 under IC 25-4-1 or IC 25-31, as appropriate, for the purpose  
37 of conducting a hearing under IC 4-21.5 to determine if action  
38 under IC 4-21.5-3-8 is appropriate;

39 (2) the design professional; and

40 (3) the project owner or general contractor on whose behalf  
41 the application was submitted.

42 (c) An applicant that receives notice under subsection (b) may



1 withdraw the application and submit a new application and plans  
 2 to the division that are prepared by a different design professional.  
 3 Withdrawal of an application does not affect any disciplinary  
 4 action against the professional of record that prepared the plans  
 5 described in subsection (a).

6 **Sec. 12. (a) The division shall maintain the following**  
 7 **information for every application:**

8 (1) The type of project that is the subject of the application.

9 (2) The name and profession of the design professional.

10 (3) The location of the project.

11 (4) The date the application was submitted to the division.

12 (5) Whether the application was selected for plan review.

13 (6) If the application was selected for a review:

14 (A) whether the division requested corrections to the plans  
 15 and specifications;

16 (B) the dates that corrections were requested by the  
 17 division; and

18 (C) the dates that the applicant responded to the requests  
 19 under clause (B).

20 (7) Whether a design release was issued by the division. The  
 21 date a design release was issued (if any) or other final action  
 22 was taken.

23 (8) Any other significant plan review activity related to an  
 24 application.

25 (b) The division shall maintain the information described in  
 26 subsection (a) in a single electronic file in a format that permits  
 27 easy comparison of the information for each applicant. The  
 28 division shall update the information at least quarterly.

29 SECTION 15. IC 22-15-6-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,  
 30 SECTION 398, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 4. (a) As used in this chapter,  
 32 "inspection agency" means:

33 (1) an insurance company inspection agency; or

34 (2) an owner or user inspection agency;

35 licensed under section 6 of this chapter.

36 (b) A boiler and pressure vessel inspector licensed under section 5  
 37 of this chapter and employed by an inspection agency may perform any  
 38 of the following:

39 (1) An inspection required by ~~section 3~~ **section 2** of this chapter.

40 (2) The issuance of a permit under ~~section 3~~ **section 2** of this  
 41 chapter.

42 (3) The issuance of an appropriate order under IC 22-12-7 when



- 1 an equipment law has been violated.
- 2 (c) The authority of an inspector acting under this chapter is limited  
3 to enforcement related to regulated boilers or pressure vessels insured,  
4 owned, or operated by the inspection agency employing the inspector.
- 5 (d) Unless an annual report is substituted under subsection (e), an  
6 inspection agency shall, within thirty (30) days after the completion of  
7 an inspection, submit to the ~~division~~ **office** the report required by the  
8 rules board. In addition to any other information required by the rules  
9 board, the inspector conducting the inspection shall cite on the report  
10 any violation of the equipment law applicable to the regulated boiler or  
11 pressure vessel.
- 12 (e) In the case of boilers or pressure vessels inspected by an owner  
13 or user inspection agency, an annual report filed on or before the  
14 annual date as the rules board may prescribe for each report may be  
15 substituted. An annual report of an owner or user inspection agency  
16 must list, by number and abbreviated description necessary for  
17 identification, each boiler and pressure vessel inspected during the  
18 covered period, the date of the last inspection of each unit, and for each  
19 pressure vessel the approximate date for its next inspection under the  
20 rules of the rules board. Each annual report of an owner or user  
21 inspection must also contain the certificate of a professional engineer  
22 registered under IC 25-31 and having supervision over the inspections  
23 reported, swearing or affirming under penalty of perjury that each  
24 inspection was conducted in conformity with the equipment laws.
- 25 (f) An owner or user inspection agency shall pay the fee set under  
26 IC 22-12-6 with a report under subsection (e).
- 27 (g) In addition to the reports required by subsections (d) and (e), an  
28 owner, a user, or an inspection agency shall immediately notify the  
29 division when an incident occurs to render a boiler or pressure vessel  
30 inoperative.
- 31 (h) An inspection agency, an owner, or a user that violates this  
32 section is subject to a disciplinary action under IC 22-12-7.
- 33 SECTION 16. IC 25-4-1-33 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
34 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
35 1, 2014]: **Sec. 33. The board shall send written notice to the division  
36 of fire and building safety established by IC 10-19-7-1 of the  
37 determination of the board in a disciplinary action against an  
38 architect under IC 25-1-11. The board shall send the notice not  
39 later than three (3) business days after the date of the board's  
40 determination.**
- 41 SECTION 17. IC 25-31-1-36 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
42 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS





1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: **Sec. 36. The board shall send written**  
 2 **notice to the division of fire and building safety established by**  
 3 **IC 10-19-7-1 of the determination of the board in a disciplinary**  
 4 **action against an engineer under IC 25-1-11. The board shall send**  
 5 **the notice not later than three (3) business days after the date of the**  
 6 **board's determination.**

7 SECTION 18. IC 36-1-10-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,  
 8 SECTION 552, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 10. (a) A lessor proposing to build,  
 10 acquire, improve, remodel, or expand a structure for lease to a political  
 11 subdivision or agency shall submit plans, specifications, and estimates  
 12 to the leasing agent before executing a lease. The leasing agent shall  
 13 submit the plans and specifications to the division of fire and building  
 14 safety or the ~~state building law compliance officer, commissioner,~~ and  
 15 other agencies designated by law.

16 (b) A lessor proposing to acquire a transportation project or system  
 17 may enter into a lease without submitting plans, designs, or  
 18 specifications to any political subdivision or agency. However, before  
 19 the execution of the lease, the lessor must submit to the lessee or  
 20 lessees an estimate of the cost and a description of the transportation  
 21 project or system.

22 SECTION 19. IC 36-1-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 23 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ READ AS FOLLOWS  
 24 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

25 **Chapter 22. Regulation of Builders or Remodelers**

26 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "builder" means a person**  
 27 **engaged in constructing new homes.**

28 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "person" means an individual,**  
 29 **firm, limited liability company, corporation, association, or other**  
 30 **legal entity.**

31 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "remodeler" means a person**  
 32 **engaged in altering, repairing, restoring, maintaining, or modifying**  
 33 **an existing residential dwelling.**

34 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "residential dwelling" means a**  
 35 **building or part of a building occupied by or intended for the**  
 36 **occupancy of one (1) or more individuals. The term does not**  
 37 **include a residential dwelling that is owned by the political**  
 38 **subdivision.**

39 **Sec. 5. After February 28, 2013, a political subdivision may not**  
 40 **adopt an ordinance, rule, policy, or other requirement providing**  
 41 **that a builder or remodeler must be licensed, certified, permitted,**  
 42 **registered, or listed by the political subdivision as a condition to the**



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**builder or remodeler:**

- (1) constructing a new residential dwelling; or**
- (2) remodeling an existing residential dwelling.**

**Sec. 6. This chapter does not do any of the following:**

- (1) Void an ordinance, rule, policy, or other requirement of a political subdivision adopted before March 1, 2013.**
- (2) Prohibit a political subdivision from doing any of the following:**

- (A) Requiring a person who engages in a specific building or construction trade, including an electrician, a plumber, a tile layer, a landscaper, or a practitioner of another specific trade, to be licensed, permitted, registered, or listed by the political subdivision before engaging in the specific building or construction trade.**

- (B) Issuing building permits, septic system permits, certificates of appropriateness, zoning approvals, plat approvals, and other permits and approvals that regulate the use, planning, and development of property.**

SECTION 20. P.L.149-2013, SECTION 3, IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]. SECTION 3: (a) As used in this SECTION, "builder" means a person engaged in constructing new homes:

(b) As used in this SECTION, "person" means an individual, firm, limited liability company, corporation, association, or other legal entity:

(c) As used in this SECTION, "remodeler" means a person engaged in altering, repairing, restoring, maintaining, or modifying an existing residential dwelling:

(d) As used in this SECTION, "residential dwelling" means a building or part of a building occupied by or intended for the occupancy of one (1) or more individuals. The term does not include a residential dwelling that is owned by the political subdivision:

(e) After February 28, 2013, a political subdivision may not adopt an ordinance, rule, policy, or other requirement providing that a builder or remodeler must be licensed, certified, permitted, registered, or listed by the political subdivision as a condition to the builder or remodeler:

- (1) constructing a new residential dwelling; or**
- (2) remodeling an existing residential dwelling.**

**(f) This SECTION does not do any of the following:**

- (1) Void an ordinance, rule, policy, or other requirement of a political subdivision adopted before March 1, 2013.**
- (2) Prohibit a political subdivision from doing any of the following:**



1 (A) Requiring a person who engages in a specific building or  
2 construction trade, including an electrician, a plumber, a tile  
3 layer, a landscaper, or a practitioner of another specific trade,  
4 to be licensed, permitted, registered, or listed by the political  
5 subdivision before engaging in the specific building or  
6 construction trade.  
7 (B) Issuing building permits, septic system permits,  
8 certificates of appropriateness, zoning approvals, plat  
9 approvals, and other permits and approvals that regulate the  
10 use, planning, and development of property.  
11 ~~(g) This SECTION expires July 1, 2015.~~  
12 **SECTION 21. An emergency is declared for this act.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill 1301, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 4, between lines 21 and 22, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(c) For purposes of subsection (a)(1), "townhouse" means a single-family dwelling unit constructed in a group of three (3) or more attached units in which each unit extends from foundation to roof and with open space on at least two (2) sides."**

Page 8, line 7, after "a" insert **"registered or licensed"**.

Page 8, line 8, after "professional" insert **"under IC 25-4 or IC 25-31, as appropriate,"**.

Page 9, line 37, delete "may" and insert **"shall"**.

Page 11, line 18, after "10." insert **"(a)"**.

Page 11, after line 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(b) A review under this section is limited to the corrections required by the division pursuant to notice sent under section 9(2) of this chapter or subsection (a)(2). All other parts of a project not directly related to corrections required by the division, including previously completed corrections that the division has already accepted, are deemed approved and may not be included in subsequent notice requests sent under this section. Except for a project reviewed under IC 22-15-3-6 and subject to the deadlines set forth in this chapter, the division may delay issuing a design release until all corrections to a project have been approved by the division."**

Page 12, line 2, delete "the" and insert **"an engineer licensed under IC 25-31 or architect registered under IC 25-4 knowingly or recklessly submitted"**.

Page 12, line 2, delete "contain" and insert **"containing"**.

Page 12, line 3, delete "Indiana building and fire code".

Page 12, line 3, after "violations" insert **"of the rules of the commission"**.

Page 12, line 4, after "division" insert **"and the commission"**.

Page 12, line 4, delete "substantial threat to" and insert **"wanton and willful disregard for"**.

Page 12, line 13, delete "possible disciplinary action;" and insert **"the purpose of conducting a hearing under IC 4-21.5 to determine if action under IC 4-21.5-3-8 is appropriate;"**.

Page 12, line 15, delete "contractor." and insert **"contractor on"**



**whose behalf the application was submitted."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1301 as introduced.)

FRYE R, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 1.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Technology, to which was referred House Bill No. 1301, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 42, delete "office of the".

Page 4, delete lines 22 through 25, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"(c) For purposes of subsection (a)(1), "townhouse" means a single-family dwelling unit constructed in a group of three (3) or more attached units in which each unit:**

- (1) extends from foundation to roof;**
- (2) is not more than three (3) stories in height;**
- (3) is separated from each adjoining unit by:**
  - (A) two (2) one (1) hour fire-resistance rated walls with exposure from both sides; or**
  - (B) a common two (2) hour fire-resistance rated wall; and**
- (4) has open space on at least two (2) sides."**

Page 8, line 2, delete "the office of".

Page 8, delete lines 32 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 12. IC 22-15-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005, SECTION 44, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) The ~~state building law compliance officer employed under IC 10-19-7-4~~ **commissioner** shall issue a design release for:

- (1) the construction of a Class 1 structure to an applicant who qualifies under section 2 or 3 of this chapter; and
  - (2) the fabrication of an industrial building system or mobile structure under section 4 of this chapter.
- (b) ~~The building law compliance officer may issue a design release~~

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based on A plan review for which the division has the authority under this chapter or IC 22-15-3.2 to perform and issue a design release may not be performed by a city, town, or county, except if the city, town, or county performs a review as part of:

- (1) an inspection program for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the fire and life safety laws and rules; or
- (2) a voluntary plan review program of the city, town, or county.

if

- (1) the building law compliance officer has certified that the city, town, or county is competent; and
- (2) the city, town, or county has adopted the rules of the commission under IC 22-13-2-3.

(c) For the purposes of subsection (c)(1), competency must be established by a test approved by the commission and administered by the division of education and information.

(d) (c) A design release issued under this chapter expires on the date specified in the rules adopted by the commission."

Page 9, delete lines 1 through 10.

Page 9, between lines 32 and 33, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "design professional" means:**

- (1) an architect registered under IC 25-4-1; or**
- (2) a professional engineer registered under IC 25-31."**

Page 9, line 33, delete "3." and insert "4."

Page 9, delete lines 35 through 37.

Page 10, line 11, delete "professional of record" and insert "**design professional**".

Page 10, delete lines 13 through 18.

Page 11, line 3, after "approved" insert "**for a design release**".

Page 11, line 29, after "approved" insert "**for a design release**".

Page 12, line 11, after "approved" insert "**for a design release**".

Page 12, line 15, delete "approved" and insert "**accepted**".

Page 12, line 18, delete "an engineer licensed under IC 25-31 or architect" and insert "**a design professional**".

Page 12, line 19, delete "registered under IC 25-4".

Page 12, line 29, delete "professional of record's" and insert "**design professional's**".

Page 12, line 33, delete "professional of record" and insert "**design professional**".

Page 12, line 38, delete "professional of" and insert "**design professional**".

Page 12, line 39, delete "record."



Page 13, line 3, delete "professional of record" and insert "**design professional**".

Page 13, delete lines 7 through 10, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(6) If the application was selected for a review:**

**(A) whether the division requested corrections to the plans and specifications;**

**(B) the dates that corrections were requested by the division; and**

**(C) the dates that the applicant responded to the requests under clause (B).**

**(7) Whether a design release was issued by the division. The date a design release was issued (if any) or other final action was taken."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1301 as printed January 21, 2014.)

BUCK, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1.

