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Introduced by Representatives Ralph of Hartland, Cina of Burlington,
Gonzalez of Winooski, and Hooper of Randolph

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Public service; building standards; energy

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
residential building energy standards to be identical to those adopted by
California in the California Green Building Standards Code.

An act relating to the residential building energy standards

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 51 is amended to read:

§ 51. RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ENERGY STANDARDS; STRETCH
CODE

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(c) Revision and interpretation of energy standards. The Commissioner of
Public Service shall amend and update the RBES by means of administrative
rules adopted in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25. On or before January 1,
~~2014~~ 2020, the Commissioner shall complete rulemaking to amend the energy
standards to ensure that, to comply with the standards, residential construction

1 must be designed and constructed in a manner that complies with the 2009
2 ~~edition of the IECC~~ California Green Building Standards Code, under
3 California Code of Regulations Title 24, Part 11. After January 1, ~~2014~~ 2020,
4 the Commissioner shall ensure that appropriate revisions are made promptly
5 after the issuance of updated standards ~~for residential construction under the~~
6 ~~IECC~~ under the California Green Building Standards Code, under California
7 Code of Regulations Title 24, Part 11. The Department of Public Service shall
8 provide technical assistance and expert advice to the Commissioner in the
9 interpretation of the RBES and in the formulation of specific proposals for
10 amending the RBES. Prior to final adoption of each required revision of the
11 RBES, the Department of Public Service shall convene an Advisory
12 Committee to include one or more mortgage lenders, builders, building
13 designers, utility representatives, and other persons with experience and
14 expertise, such as consumer advocates and energy conservation experts. The
15 Advisory Committee may provide the Commissioner with additional
16 recommendations for revision of the RBES.

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18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.