

1 S.253

2 An act relating to building energy codes

3 The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

4 First: In Sec. 2, energy code compliance; working group, by striking out  
5 subsection (d) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (d)  
6 to read as follows:

7 (d) Assistance. The Working Group shall have the administrative and  
8 technical assistance of the Department of Public Service. The Working Group  
9 shall have the legal assistance of the Department of Public Service as to  
10 matters of procedure, the Working Group's powers and duties, existing State  
11 programs, existing legal requirements or obligations, and the drafting of  
12 proposed legislation. The Working Group may hire a third-party consultant to  
13 assist and staff the Working Group, which may be funded by monies  
14 appropriated by the General Assembly or any grant funding received.

15 Second: In Sec. 2, energy code compliance; working group, by striking  
16 out subsection (e) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the a new  
17 subsection (e) to read as follows:

18 (e) Report. On or before November 15, 2024 and November 15, 2025, the  
19 Working Group shall submit a written report to the Senate Committee on  
20 Natural Resources and Energy and the House Committee on Environment and  
21 Energy with its findings and recommendations for legislative action.

1       Third: In Sec. 2, energy code compliance; working group, in subdivision  
2 (f)(4), by striking out “February 15, 2030” and inserting in lieu thereof “July 1,  
3 2026”

4       Fourth: By striking out Sec. 5, residential building contractor registry;  
5 website updates, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the a new Sec. 5 to  
6 read as follows:

7       Sec. 5. RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTOR REGISTRY;  
8               WEBSITE UPDATES

9       (a) As part of its application to register with the residential building  
10 contractor registry administered by the Vermont Secretary of State, the Office  
11 of Professional Regulation shall ask a registrant to provide the following data:

12               (1) the geographic areas the registrant serves; and

13               (2) the trade services the registrant offers from a list of trade services  
14 compiled by the Office.

15       (b) As part of its application to register with the residential building  
16 contractor registry administered by the Vermont Secretary of State, the Office  
17 of Professional Regulation shall require that a registrant acknowledge that  
18 compliance with 30 V.S.A. § 51 (residential building energy standards) and 30  
19 V.S.A. § 53 (commercial building energy standards) is required.

1       (c) On or before January 1, 2025, the Office of Professional Regulation  
2       shall update the website for the residential building contractor registry  
3       administered by the Vermont Secretary of State to:

4           (1) regularize usage of the term “residential contractor,” or another term  
5       selected by the Office, across the website to replace usages of substantially  
6       similar terms, such as “builder,” “contractor,” or “residential building  
7       contractor”; and

8           (2) add a clear and conspicuous notice that a residential contractor is  
9       required by law to comply with State building energy standards.

10       Fifth: By striking out Sec. 6, residential building contractor contract  
11       templates, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the a new Sec. 6 to read as  
12       follows:

13       Sec. 6. RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTOR CONTRACT

14           TEMPLATES

15       The Office of Professional Regulation shall update any contract template  
16       the Office furnishes for residential building contracting to include a statement  
17       acknowledging that the project is required to comply with 30 V.S.A. § 51  
18       (residential building energy standards).