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AN ACT

1 Reenacting and amending the former act of December 15, 1980  
2 (P.L.1203, No.222), entitled "An act providing for the  
3 regulation for energy conservation purposes of the  
4 construction of buildings, the establishment of a Building  
5 Energy Conservation Committee and a Board on Variances,  
6 appeals and for penalties," restoring the act to the state in  
7 which it existed prior to repeal by the Pennsylvania  
8 Construction Code Act.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. The title, the heading of Chapter 1 and section  
12 101 of the act of December 15, 1980 (P.L.1203, No.222), entitled  
13 "An act providing for the regulation for energy conservation  
14 purposes of the construction of buildings, the establishment of  
15 a Building Energy Conservation Committee and a Board on  
16 Variances, appeals and for penalties," repealed November 10,  
17 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), are reenacted to read:

18 AN ACT

19 Providing for the regulation for energy conservation purposes of  
20 the construction of buildings, the establishment of a

1 Building Energy Conservation Committee and a Board on  
2 Variances, appeals and for penalties.

3 CHAPTER 1

4 GENERAL PROVISIONS

5 Section 101. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Building  
7 Energy Conservation Act."

8 Section 2. Sections 102 and 103 of the act, amended December  
9 19, 1985 (P.L.344, No.98) and repealed November 10, 1999  
10 (P.L.491, No.45), are reenacted and amended to read:

11 Section 102. Legislative findings and declaration of purpose.

12 (a) Findings.--The Legislature hereby determines that:

13 (1) Energy shortages in the domestic supply present far-  
14 reaching problems that promise to persist. These energy  
15 shortages affect the continued efficient operation of the  
16 Commonwealth's economy and social structure.

17 (2) It is the Commonwealth's responsibility to provide  
18 for energy conservation through regulation of design and  
19 construction standards.

20 (3) The Legislature intends, by this act, to respond to  
21 these shortages by devising a specific responsible energy  
22 conservation policy for building systems.

23 (b) Purpose.--The purpose of this act is to grant to the  
24 Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Community  
25 [Affairs] and Economic Development and direct these departments  
26 to exercise specific authority in building construction to  
27 assure that such construction is performed using materials and  
28 techniques that will provide for energy conservation in the  
29 future operation and maintenance of said buildings.

30 Section 103. Definitions.

1 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
2 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
3 meanings given to them in this section:

4 "Addition." Any addition to an existing building. The  
5 provisions of this act shall only apply to the portion of the  
6 building which is being added and not to the entire building.

7 "Building." Any structure that provides facilities or  
8 shelter for public assembly or for educational, business,  
9 mercantile, institutional, warehouse or residential occupancy,  
10 or industrial use including, but not limited to, those portions  
11 of factory and industrial occupancy such as office space except  
12 for:

13 (1) Buildings and structures or portions thereof whose  
14 peak design rate of energy usage is less than one watt per  
15 square foot or 3.5 BTU/hr per square foot of floor area for  
16 all purposes.

17 (2) Structures or those portions of structures used for  
18 housing equipment or machinery, or in which manufacturing or  
19 processing is done, where the operation of such equipment or  
20 machinery, or the manufacturing or processing procedures  
21 employed require the use of or generate substantial heat  
22 producing energy or cooling within the structure. As used  
23 herein, the generation of substantial heat shall mean  
24 generation of more than 6 watts per square foot of floor  
25 area.

26 (3) Buildings which are neither heated nor cooled.

27 (4) Historic buildings.

28 (5) Buildings owned by the Federal Government.

29 (6) All units subject to the act of May 11, 1972

30 (P.L.286, No.70), known as the "Industrialized Housing Act."

1 (7) All units subject to Title VI (Public Law 93-383),  
2 referred to as the Federal Mobile Home Construction and  
3 Safety Standards Act of 1974.

4 (8) Buildings which are constructed primarily of tree  
5 logs and only incidentally of other materials.

6 "Construction." The erection, fabrication or renovation of a  
7 building.

8 "Department." The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and  
9 Industry except that for all buildings classified as Use Group  
10 R-3, herein, department means the Pennsylvania Department of  
11 Community [Affairs] and Economic Development.

12 "Design." Calculations and resultant drawings and  
13 specifications which are used for the construction of a  
14 building.

15 "Historic building." Any building determined by the State  
16 Historic Preservation Officer to meet the criteria for listing  
17 on the National Register of Historic Places but only to the  
18 extent that compliance with this act would prevent preservation  
19 of the historic or architectural integrity of the building.

20 "Licensed design professional." A person licensed as an  
21 architect or professional engineer pursuant to the appropriate  
22 licensure act.

23 "Life-cycle cost." The cost of a building including its  
24 initial cost, the cost of the energy consumed over its economic  
25 life and the cost of its operation and maintenance.

26 "Municipality." A city, borough, incorporated town, township  
27 or home rule municipality.

28 "Performance standards." Parameters within which designers  
29 of buildings shall work. The specific practices that a designer  
30 employs shall not be prescribed as long as the result is within

1 the parameters established by the standards.

2 "Public utility." A person or corporation in this  
3 Commonwealth owning or operating equipment or facilities for  
4 producing, generating, transmitting, distributing or furnishing  
5 electricity to or for the public for compensation for any  
6 purpose. The term includes such persons or corporations  
7 regulated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission under  
8 Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to  
9 public utilities), but does not include any of the following:

10 (1) A generator or producer of electricity not engaged  
11 in distributing the electricity directly to the public for  
12 compensation.

13 (2) A person not otherwise a public utility who  
14 furnishes service only to himself.

15 (3) A bona fide cooperative association which furnishes  
16 services only to its stockholders or members on a nonprofit  
17 basis.

18 "Renovation." The rehabilitation of an existing building  
19 which requires more than 25% of the gross floor area or volume  
20 of the entire building to be rebuilt. Cosmetic work such as  
21 painting, wall covering, wall paneling, floor covering and  
22 suspended ceiling work shall not be included. The provisions of  
23 this act shall only apply to such portion of the building being  
24 renovated and not to the entire building.

25 "Utility provider." A municipal corporation in this  
26 Commonwealth owning or operating equipment or facilities for  
27 producing, generating, transmitting, distributing or furnishing  
28 electricity to or for the public within its corporate limits for  
29 compensation for any purpose, or an electric cooperative  
30 corporation created under the provisions of the act of June 21,

1 1937 (P.L.1969, No.389), known as the "Electric Cooperative  
2 Corporation Act," and which provides retail electric service to  
3 its members on a nonprofit basis. The term does not include:

4 (1) A public utility regulated by the Pennsylvania  
5 Public Utility Commission under Title 66 of the Pennsylvania  
6 Consolidated Statutes (relating to public utilities).

7 (2) A generator, producer or manufacturer of  
8 electricity, gas or steam not engaged in distributing such  
9 electricity, gas or steam directly to the public for  
10 compensation.

11 (3) A person or corporation not otherwise a public  
12 utility who or which furnishes service only to himself or  
13 itself.

14 (4) A generator, producer or manufacturer of gas or  
15 steam engaged in distributing such gas or steam to the public  
16 for compensation.

17 Section 3. Chapter 2 heading, Subchapters A, B, C and D,  
18 Subchapter E heading and sections 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214  
19 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222 and 223 of the act,  
20 repealed November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), are reenacted to  
21 read:

22 CHAPTER 2

23 ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS

24 SUBCHAPTER A

25 GENERAL PROVISIONS

26 Section 201. Provisions.

27 The provisions of this chapter regulate the design and  
28 construction of the exterior envelopes and selection of HVAC,  
29 service water heating, electrical distribution, and illumination  
30 systems and equipment required for the purpose of effective use

1 of energy and shall govern the construction of all buildings, or  
2 portions thereof, as provided herein other than a building  
3 classified as Use Group R-3 except where specifically noted  
4 otherwise. Minimum insulation requirements for buildings  
5 classified as Use Group R-3 are contained in Subchapter J,  
6 section 240.

7 SUBCHAPTER B

8 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

9 Section 202. Submission.

10 (a) Plans.--Plans, specifications, computations where  
11 necessary, and any changes thereto together with the necessary  
12 certification required by section 305 shall be submitted for all  
13 buildings except those classified as Use Group R-3 to indicate  
14 conformance with this chapter and other applicable chapters of  
15 this act, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c).

16 (b) Standard design.--Whenever a person is constructing a  
17 building in accordance with plans, specifications and  
18 computations which he has submitted within the previous two  
19 years, such plans need not be resubmitted but such person shall  
20 indicate upon the certificate required by section 305 that they  
21 meet the standards currently in effect and identify the  
22 previously submitted plans, specifications and computations.

23 (c) Prescriptive standards.--When the prescriptive standards  
24 provided in the Energy Conservation Manual established by  
25 section 303 are employed in the construction of a building only  
26 such information as shall be required by the department shall be  
27 submitted. The prescriptive standards applicable to Use Group R-  
28 3 buildings are contained in section 240.

29 Section 203. Contents.

30 The plans and specifications, where required by section 202,

1 shall show in sufficient detail all pertinent data and features  
2 of the building and the equipment and systems as herein  
3 governed, including but not limited to: exterior envelope  
4 component materials, U values of elements, R values of  
5 insulating materials, size and type of apparatus and equipment,  
6 equipment and system controls and other pertinent data to  
7 indicate conformance with the requirements herein.

8 SUBCHAPTER C

9 DEFINITIONS RELATING TO

10 ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS

11 Section 204. Definitions relating to standards.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
13 shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
14 meanings given to them in this section:

15 "Coefficient of beam utilization" (CBU). The ratio of the  
16 luminous flux (lumens) reaching a specified area directly from a  
17 floodlight or projector to the total beam luminous flux.

18 "Coefficient of performance" (COP) - cooling. The ratio of  
19 the rate of net heat removal to the rate of total energy input,  
20 expressed in consistent units and under designated rating  
21 conditions.

22 "Coefficient of performance" (COP) - heat pump, heating. The  
23 ratio of the rate of net heat output to the rate of total energy  
24 input, expressed in consistent units and under designated rating  
25 conditions.

26 The rate of net heat output shall be defined as the change in  
27 the total heat contents of the air entering and leaving the  
28 equipment not including supplementary heat.

29 Total energy input shall be determined by combining the  
30 energy inputs to all elements, except supplementary heaters, of



1 the heat pump, including, but not limited to, compressors,  
2 pumps, supply air fans, return air fans, outdoor air fans,  
3 cooling tower fans and the heating, ventilating and air  
4 conditioning system equipment control circuit.

5 "Coefficient of utilization" (CU). The ratio of the luminous  
6 flux (lumens) from a luminaire received on the work plane to the  
7 lumens emitted by the luminaire's lamps alone.

8 "Color rendition." General expression for the effect of a  
9 light source on the color. Appearance of objects in conscious or  
10 subconscious comparison with their color appearance under a  
11 reference light source.

12 "Degree day, heating." A unit, based upon temperature  
13 difference and time, used in estimating fuel consumption and  
14 specifying nominal heating load of a building in winter. For any  
15 one day, when the mean temperature is less than 65 F., there  
16 exist as many degree days as there are Fahrenheit degrees  
17 difference in temperature between the mean temperature for the  
18 day and 65 F.

19 "Energy efficiency ratio" (EER). The ratio of net cooling  
20 capacity in Btuh to total rate of electric input in watts under  
21 designated operating conditions.

22 "Equivalent sphere illumination" (ESI). The level of sphere  
23 illumination which would produce task visibility equivalent to  
24 that produced by a specific lighting environment.

25 "Exterior envelope." The elements of a building which  
26 enclose conditioned spaces through which thermal energy may be  
27 transferred to or from the exterior.

28 "Floodlighting." A lighting system designated to light an  
29 area using projector type luminaires usually capable of being  
30 pointed in any direction.

1 "Floor area, gross." Gross floor area shall be the floor  
2 area within the perimeter of the outside walls of the building  
3 under consideration, without deduction for hallways, stairs,  
4 closets, thickness of walls, columns or other features.

5 "Illumination." The density of the luminous flux incident on  
6 a surface. It is the quotient of the luminous flux by the area  
7 of the surface when the latter is uniformly illuminated.

8 "Light loss factor" (LLF). A factor used in calculating the  
9 level of illumination after a given period of time and under  
10 given conditions. It takes into account temperature and voltage  
11 variations, dirt accumulation on luminaire and room surfaces,  
12 lamp depreciation, maintenance procedures and atmosphere  
13 conditions.

14 "Luminaire." A complete lighting unit consisting of a lamp  
15 or lamps together with the parts designed to distribute the  
16 light, to position and protect the lamps and to connect the  
17 lamps to the power supply.

18 "Multiglazing." An arrangement whereby two or more sheets of  
19 glazing material are affixed in or on to a window frame to  
20 create one or more closed insulating air spaces. Multiglazing  
21 can be achieved by installing a preassembled sealed insulating  
22 glass unit, consisting of two or more layers of glazing  
23 materials with insulating, closed air space in between, or by  
24 affixing one or more additional glazing materials onto a single  
25 glazed window sash, creating one or more closed insulating air  
26 spaces.

27 "Packaged terminal air conditioner." A factory selected  
28 combination of heating and cooling components, assemblies or  
29 sections, intended to serve a room or zone.

30 "Power." In connection with machines, power is the time rate

1 of doing work. In connection with the transmission of energy of  
2 all types, power refers to the rate at which energy is  
3 transmitted; in customary units, it is measured in watts (W) or  
4 British thermal units per hour (Btuh) and in SI units is  
5 measured in watts (W).

6 "Reflectance." The ratio of the light reflected by a surface  
7 to the light falling upon it.

8 "Reheat." The application of sensible heat to supply air  
9 that has been previously cooled below the temperature of the  
10 conditioned space by either mechanical refrigeration or the  
11 introduction of outdoor air to provide cooling.

12 "Residential buildings." All buildings and structures or  
13 parts thereof shall be classified in the residential (R) use  
14 group in which families or households live, or in which sleeping  
15 accommodations are provided for individuals with or without  
16 dining facilities, excluding those that are classified as  
17 institutional buildings. Residential buildings shall be  
18 classified as follows:

19 (1) Use Group R-1 structures. This use group shall include  
20 all hotel and motel buildings, lodging houses, boarding houses  
21 and dormitory buildings arranged for the shelter and sleeping  
22 accommodation of more than 20 individuals.

23 (2) Use Group R-2 structures. This use group shall include  
24 all multiple-family dwellings having more than two dwelling  
25 units and not included in Use Group R-3; and shall also include  
26 all dormitories, boarding and lodging houses arranged for  
27 shelter and sleeping accommodation by more than five and not  
28 more than 20 individuals.

29 (3) Use Group R-3 structures. This use group shall include  
30 all buildings arranged for the use of one or two family dwelling

1 units including not more than five lodgers or boarders per  
2 family and all rowhouses, townhouses and garden apartment  
3 construction not exceeding three stories in height used for  
4 residential purposes whenever each unit has its own individual  
5 and self-supporting heating, ventilating and air conditioning  
6 systems.

7 "Resistance, thermal" (R). A measure of the ability to  
8 retard the flow of heat. The R value is the reciprocal of a heat  
9 transfer coefficient, as expressed by U. ( $R = 1/U$ ).

10 "Thermal transmittance" (U). Overall coefficient of heat  
11 transmission or thermal transmittance (air to air) expressed in  
12 units of BTU per hour per square foot per degree F. It is the  
13 time rate of heat flow. The U value applies to combinations of  
14 different materials used in series along the heat flow path and  
15 also to single materials that comprise a building section and  
16 include cavity air spaces and surface air films on both sides.

17 "Thermal transmittance" ( $U_o$ ). Overall (average) heat  
18 transmission or thermal transmittance of a gross area of the  
19 exterior building envelope, expressed in units of BTU per hour  
20 per square foot per degree F.

21 The  $U_o$  value applies to the combined effect of the time rate  
22 of heat flows through the various parallel paths, such as  
23 windows, doors and opaque construction areas, comprising the  
24 gross area of one or more exterior building components, such as  
25 walls, floor or roof/ceiling.

26 "Thermostat." An instrument which measures changes in  
27 temperature and controls devices for maintaining a desired  
28 temperature.

29 "Veiling reflections." Regular reflections superimposed upon  
30 diffuse reflections from an object that partially or totally

1 obscure the details to be seen by reducing the contrast. This  
2 sometimes is called "reflected glare."

3 "Window management." Any one or combination of acts and  
4 activities whose purpose is to take maximum advantage of the  
5 energy conserving aspects of utilizing solar energy to heat a  
6 building and/or utilize solar illumination within a building to  
7 augment energy-consuming lighting systems. Such acts and  
8 activities include, but are not limited to, building-window  
9 siting and orientation, selection of glazing materials, design  
10 of overhangs, sun screens or placement of shrubbery.

11 "Work plane." The plane at which work usually is done and at  
12 which the illumination is specified and measured. Unless  
13 otherwise indicated, this is assumed to be a horizontal plane 30  
14 in. (0.76 m) above the floor.

15 "Zone." A space or group of spaces within a building with  
16 heating or cooling requirements sufficiently similar so that  
17 comfort conditions can be maintained throughout by a single  
18 controlling device.

#### 19 SUBCHAPTER D

#### 20 BUILDING ENVELOPE

21 Section 205. General provisions.

22 (a) Purpose of subchapter.--The intent of this subchapter is  
23 to provide minimum requirements for exterior envelope  
24 construction in the interest of energy conservation.

25 In addition to the criteria set forth in this subchapter  
26 provisions shall be made to maximize the energy conserving  
27 benefits of solar daylight and passive solar heat gain through  
28 window management. The proposed design may also take into  
29 consideration the thermal mass of the building in considering  
30 energy conservation. The administering agency shall provide the

1 guidelines necessary to implement these provisions.

2 (b) Thermal performance.--All buildings and structures that  
3 are heated or mechanically cooled shall be constructed so as to  
4 provide the required thermal performance of the various  
5 components.

6 The required thermal transmittance value ( $U_o$ ) of any one  
7 component, such as roof/ceiling, wall or floor may be increased  
8 and the  $U_o$  value for other components decreased provided that  
9 the overall heat gain or loss for the entire building envelope  
10 does not exceed the total resulting from conformance to the  
11 required  $U_o$  values.

12 (c) Different requirements.--

13 (1) A building that is designed to be both heated and  
14 cooled shall meet the more stringent of the heating or  
15 cooling requirements of the exterior envelope as provided in  
16 this subchapter when requirements differ.

17 (2) A building which is not cooled whose primary purpose  
18 is storage and has an indoor design temperature of 50 degrees  
19 F. or less, the building is exempt from the requirements of  
20 this subchapter.

21 (d) Exterior walls.--For the purpose of this subchapter the  
22 gross area of exterior walls consists of all opaque wall areas,  
23 including foundation walls above grade, peripheral edges of  
24 floors, window areas including sash, and door areas, where such  
25 surfaces are exposed to outdoor air and enclose a heated or  
26 mechanically cooled space.

27 (e) Roof assembly.--For the purpose of this subchapter a  
28 roof assembly shall be considered as all components of the  
29 roof/ceiling envelope through which heat flows, thereby creating  
30 a building transmission heat loss or gain, where such assembly

1 is exposed to outdoor air and encloses a heated or mechanically  
2 cooled space.

3 The gross area of a roof assembly consists of the total  
4 interior surface of such assembly, including skylights, exposed  
5 to the heated or mechanically cooled space.

6 Where air ceiling plenums are employed, the roof or ceiling  
7 assembly shall:

8 (1) For thermal transmittance purposes not include the  
9 ceiling proper nor the plenum space as part of the assembly.

10 (2) For gross area purposes be based upon the interior  
11 face of the upper plenum surface.

12 Section 206. Criteria for residential buildings.

13 (a) Applicability.--The requirements herein shall apply to  
14 all buildings and structures or portions thereof of Use Groups  
15 R-1 and R-2 that are heated or mechanically cooled when not more  
16 than 3 stories or 40 feet in height.

17 (b) Walls.--The gross area of exterior walls above grade,  
18 including foundation walls, shall have a combined thermal  
19 transmittance value ( $U_o$ ) not exceeding those specified in Table  
20 1.

21 Table 1

22 Maximum Allowable " $U_o$ " Values for  
23 Gross Exterior Wall Assemblies

24		R-1 and R-2
25	Annual heating degree days*	residential
26	4000	0.31
27	5000	0.29
28	6000	0.27
29	7000	0.26

30 \*As specified in Chapter 43 ASHRAE Handbook-Systems.

1 (c) Roof/ceiling.--The roof/ceiling assemblies shall have a  
2 combined thermal transmittance value ( $U_o$ ) not to exceed 0.05  
3 except that roof/ceiling assemblies in which the finished  
4 interior surface is essentially the underside of the roof deck,  
5 such as a wooden cathedral ceiling, may have a " $U_o$ " value not to  
6 exceed 0.08. These values presume no significant thermal  
7 transmission through framing members, skylights or other  
8 interruptions in the roof envelope. If such interruptions occur,  
9 calculations must be made showing conformance to the required  
10 " $U_o$ " values.

11 (d) Floors over unheated spaces.--The floor of a heated or  
12 mechanically cooled space located over an unheated space shall  
13 have a combined thermal transmittance value ( $U_o$ ) not to exceed  
14 0.08.

15 (e) Slab-on grade floors.--

16 (1) For slab-on grade floors, the perimeter of the floor  
17 shall be insulated with a material having a thermal  
18 resistance value ( $R$ ) not less than those specified in Table  
19 2.

20 Table 2

21 Minimum Allowable " $R$ " Values of Perimeter

22 Insulation for Slab-On Grade Floors

23 Annual heating degree days	Heated slab	Unheated slab
24 4000*	5.5	3.5
25 5000	6.3	4.2
26 6000	7.0	4.9
27 7000	7.8	5.5

28 \*Table values may be interpolated.

29 (2) The insulation shall extend downward from the top of  
30 the slab for a minimum distance of 24 inches or downward to



1 the bottom of the slab then horizontally beneath the slab for  
2 a minimum total distance of 24 inches.

3 Section 207. Other buildings.

4 (a) Coverage.--The heating and cooling requirements herein  
5 shall govern all buildings and structures or portions thereof  
6 other than defined by section 206.

7 (b) Heating criteria for walls.--All buildings and  
8 structures that are heated shall have a combined thermal  
9 transmittance value ( $U_o$ ) for the gross area of exterior walls  
10 not exceeding those specified in Table 3.

11 Table 3

12 Maximum Allowable " $U_o$ " Values  
13 for Gross Exterior Wall Assemblies

14		3 stories or	More than
15	Annual heating degree days	40 ft. or less	3 stories or
16			40 ft.
17	4000	0.31	0.38
18	5000	0.29	0.36
19	6000	0.27	0.33
20	7000	0.26	0.31

21 (c) Heating criteria for roof/ceiling.--All buildings and  
22 structures that are heated shall have combined thermal  
23 transmittance value ( $U_o$ ) for roof/ceiling assemblies not  
24 exceeding those specified in Table 4.

25 Table 4

26 Maximum Allowable " $U_o$ " Values  
27 for Roof/Ceiling Assemblies

28	Annual heating degree days	Maximum $U_o$
29	4000*	0.092

1	5000	0.084
2	6000	0.076
3	7000	0.068

4 \*Table values may be interpolated.

5 (d) Heating criteria for floors over unheated spaces.--The  
6 floor of a heated space located over an unheated space shall  
7 have a thermal transmittance value (Uo) not exceeding 0.08.

8 (e) Heating criteria for slab-on grade floors.--For slab-on  
9 grade floors, the perimeter of the floor shall be insulated with  
10 a material having a thermal resistance value (R) not less than  
11 those specified in Table 5.

12 The insulation shall extend downward from the top of the slab  
13 for a minimum distance of 24 inches or downward to the bottom of  
14 the slab then horizontally beneath the slab for a minimum total  
15 distance of 24 inches.

16 Table 5

17 Minimum Allowable "R" Values of Perimeter  
18 Insulation for Slab-On Grade Floors

19	Annual heating degree days	Heated slab	Unheated slab
20	4000*	5.5	3.5
21	5000	6.3	4.2
22	6000	7.0	4.9
23	7000	7.8	5.5

24 \*Table values may be interpolated.

25 (f) Cooling criteria for walls.--All buildings and  
26 structures that are mechanically cooled shall have an overall  
27 thermal transfer value for the gross area of exterior walls not  
28 exceeding 33.5 BTU's per hour per square foot based on the  
29 following equation:

30 
$$OTTV = \frac{(U_w \times A_w \times TDEO) + (A_f \times S_f \times S_c) + (U_f \times A_f \times \Delta T)}{}$$

1 Ao

2 OTTV = Overall thermal transfer value where:

3 Uw = The thermal transmittance of all elements of the opaque  
4 wall area Btu/h. ft<sup>2</sup>.F (W/m<sup>2</sup>K)

5 Aw = Opaque wall area, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>)

6 Uf = The thermal transmittance of the fenestration area  
7 Btu/h. ft<sup>2</sup>.F (W/m<sup>2</sup>K)

8 Af = Fenestration area, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>)

9 TDEQ = Value given in the following table, F, (c):

10

11 TABLE FOR TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE

12	13 Wall Construction-mass per unit area		14 TDEQ	
	15 LB/FT <sup>2</sup>	16 Kg/m <sup>2</sup>	17 F	18 C
19	20 0-25	21 0-125	22 44	23 24.5
24	25 26-40	26 126-195	27 37	28 21.0
29	30 41-70	31 196-345	32 30	33 17.0
34	35 71 and above	36 346 and above	37 23	38 13.0

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19 Weight of wall construction shall be determined from the  
20 1972 ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals, Chapter 22.

21 Sc = Shading coefficient of the fenestration

22 Delta T = Temperature difference between exterior and interior  
23 design conditions, F, for which the following  
24 temperatures shall apply:

25	26 Indoor		27 Outdoor
	28 F	29 C	
30	31 Winter	32 72 22.0	33 97 1/2%*
34	35 Summer	36 78 25.5	37 2 1/2%*

29 \*Values from 1972 ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals,  
30 Chapter 33.

1 SF = Solar factor value given Btu/h.ft<sup>2</sup> (W/m<sup>2</sup>).

2 (use 127 Btu/h.ft<sup>2</sup>)

3 AO = Gross area of exterior walls, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>). The gross  
4 area of exterior walls consists of all opaque wall  
5 areas (including foundation walls, between floor span-  
6 drels, peripheral edges of floors, etc.), window  
7 areas (including sash), and door areas, where such  
8 surfaces are exposed to outdoor air and enclose a  
9 heated and/or mechanically cooled space (including  
10 interstitial areas between two such spaces).

11 Note: Where more than one type of wall and/or fenestration  
12 is used, the respective term or terms shall be expanded  
13 into sub-elements, as:

14  $(U_w \times A_w \times TDEQ) + (U_{w2} \times A_{w2} \times TDEQ_2)$ , etc.

15 (g) Cooling criteria for roof/ceilings.--All buildings and  
16 structures that are mechanically cooled shall have a combined  
17 thermal transmittance value ( $U_o$ ) for roof/ceiling assemblies the  
18 same as specified in Table 4 for heating.

19 Section 208. Air leakage.

20 (a) Application.--The requirements of this section shall  
21 apply to all buildings and structures and apply only to those  
22 locations separating outdoor ambient conditions from interior  
23 spaces that are heated or mechanically cooled and are not  
24 applicable to separation of interior spaces from each other.

25 (b) Standard.--Compliance with the criteria for air leakage  
26 shall be determined by ASTM E-283, Standard Method of Test for  
27 Rate of Air Leakage through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls and  
28 Doors, at a pressure differential of 1.567 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> which is  
29 equivalent to the effect of a 25 m.p.h. wind.

30 (c) Acceptance criteria.--The following criteria shall

1 represent the maximum allowable air leakage:

2 (1) The air infiltration rate for windows shall not  
3 exceed 0.5 Cfm per foot of sash crack.

4 (2) The air infiltration rate for sliding glass doors in  
5 residential buildings shall not exceed 0.5 Cfm per square  
6 foot of door area.

7 (3) The air infiltration rate for swinging doors in  
8 residential buildings shall not exceed 1.25 Cfm per square  
9 foot of door area.

10 (4) The air infiltration rate for swinging, revolving or  
11 sliding doors in other than residential buildings shall not  
12 exceed 11 Cfm per lineal foot of door crack.

13 (d) Caulking and sealants.--Exterior joints around windows  
14 and door frames, between wall cavities and window or door  
15 frames, between wall and foundation, between wall and roof,  
16 between wall panels, at penetrations or utility services through  
17 walls, floors and roofs, and all other openings in the exterior  
18 envelope shall be caulked, gasketed, weatherstripped, or  
19 otherwise sealed.

20 SUBCHAPTER E

21 WARM AIR HEATING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

22 SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

23 Section 209. General provisions.

24 This subchapter applies to air duct systems employing  
25 mechanical means for the movement of air used for warm air  
26 heating, ventilating, air conditioning systems, exhaust systems  
27 and combination heating and air conditioning systems, except  
28 that this subchapter shall not apply to systems for the removal  
29 of flammable vapors or residues or to systems for conveying  
30 dust, stock or refuse by means of air currents. Heating,

1 ventilating and air conditioning systems of all buildings and  
2 structures or portions thereof shall be designed and installed  
3 for efficient use of energy as herein provided. Special  
4 applications, such as but not limited to hospitals,  
5 laboratories, thermally sensitive equipment, computer rooms,  
6 manufacturing processes and supermarkets, are exempt from the  
7 requirements of this subchapter.

8 Section 210. Design requirements.

9 In determining design conditions for calculations under this  
10 section the following design temperatures shall apply:

11 (1) Outdoor design temperature shall be selected for  
12 listed locations in Chapter 33 of the ASHRAE Handbook of  
13 Fundamentals, from columns of 97 1/2% values for heating and  
14 2 1/2% values for cooling.

15 (2) Indoor design temperature shall be 72 degrees F. for  
16 heating and 78 degrees F. for cooling.

17 (3) Indoor design relative humidity for heating shall  
18 not exceed 30%. For cooling, the actual design relative  
19 humidity within the comfort envelope as defined in ASHRAE  
20 Standard 55-74 "Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human  
21 Occupancy" shall be selected for the minimum total heating,  
22 ventilating, and air conditioning system energy use.

23 Section 211. Cooling with outdoor air.

24 (a) Fan system design.--Each fan system shall be designed to  
25 use up to and including 100% of the fan system capacity for  
26 cooling with outdoor air automatically whenever its use will  
27 result in lower usage of energy than would be required under its  
28 normal operation.

29 (b) Exceptions.--Cooling with outdoor air is not required  
30 under any one or more of the following conditions:

1 (1) Fan system capacity less than 5,000 Cfm or 134,000  
2 Btu/Hr total cooling capacity.

3 (2) The quality of the outdoor air is so poor as to  
4 require extensive treatment of the air.

5 (3) The need for humidification or dehumidification  
6 requires the use of more energy than is conserved by outdoor  
7 air cooling.

8 (4) The use of outdoor air cooling may affect the  
9 operation of other systems (such as return or exhaust air  
10 fans or supermarket refrigeration) so as to increase the  
11 overall energy consumption of the building.

12 (5) Internal/external zone heat recovery or other energy  
13 recovery is used.

14 (6) When all space cooling is accomplished by a  
15 circulating liquid which transfers space heat directly or  
16 indirectly to a heat rejection device such as a cooling tower  
17 without the use of a refrigeration system.

18 Section 212. Mechanical ventilation.

19 Each mechanical ventilation system shall be equipped with a  
20 readily accessible means for either shut-off or volume reduction  
21 and shut-off when ventilation is not required.

22 Section 213. Simultaneous heating and cooling.

23 Systems that employ both heating and cooling simultaneously  
24 in order to achieve comfort conditions within a space shall be  
25 limited to those situations where more efficient methods of  
26 heating and air conditioning cannot be effectively utilized to  
27 meet system objectives. Simultaneous heating and cooling by  
28 reheating or recooling supply air or by concurrent operation or  
29 independent heating and cooling systems serving a common zone  
30 shall be restricted as specified herein.

1 Section 214. Recovered energy.

2 Recovered energy, provided the new energy expended in the  
3 recovery process is less than the amount recovered, may be used  
4 for control of temperature and humidity. New energy is defined  
5 as energy, other than recovered, utilized for the purpose of  
6 heating or cooling.

7 Section 215. New energy.

8 (a) Prevention of excess humidity.--New energy may be used,  
9 when necessary, to prevent relative humidity from rising above  
10 60% for comfort control or to prevent condensation on terminal  
11 units or outlets.

12 (b) Control of temperature.--New energy may be used for  
13 control of temperature if minimized as specified in sections 216  
14 through 220.

15 Section 216. Reheat systems.

16 Systems employing reheat and serving multiple zones, other  
17 than those employing variable air volume for temperature  
18 control, shall be provided with control that will automatically  
19 reset the system cold air supply to the highest temperature  
20 level that will satisfy the zone requiring the coolest air.  
21 Single zone reheat systems shall be controlled to sequence  
22 reheat and cooling.

23 Section 217. Dual duct and multizone systems.

24 These systems shall be provided with control that will  
25 automatically reset the cold deck air supply to the highest  
26 temperature that will satisfy the zone requiring the coolest air  
27 and the hot deck air supply to the lowest temperature that will  
28 satisfy the zone requiring the warmest air.

29 Section 218. Recooling systems.

30 Systems in which heated air is recooled directly or



1 indirectly, to maintain space temperature, shall be provided  
2 with control that will automatically reset the temperature to  
3 which the supply air is heated to the lowest level that will  
4 satisfy the zone requiring the warmest air.

5 Section 219. Multiple zones.

6 For systems with multiple zones, one or more zones may be  
7 chosen to represent a number of zones with similar heating or  
8 cooling characteristics. A multiple zone heating, ventilating  
9 and air conditioning system that employs reheating or recooling  
10 for control of not more than 5,000 Cfm or 20% of the total  
11 supply air of the system, whichever is less, shall be exempt  
12 from the supply air temperature reset requirements of sections  
13 216 through 218.

14 Section 220. Concurrent operation.

15 Concurrent operation of independent heating and cooling  
16 systems serving common spaces, and requiring the use of new  
17 energy for heating or cooling shall be minimized by one or both  
18 of the following:

19 (1) By providing sequential temperature control of both  
20 heating and cooling capacity in each zone.

21 (2) By limiting the heating energy input, through  
22 automatic reset control of the heating medium temperature (or  
23 energy input rate), to only that necessary to offset heat  
24 loss due to transmission and infiltration and, where  
25 applicable, to heat the ventilation air supply to the space.

26 Section 221. Equipment performance requirements.

27 (a) Application.--The requirements of this section apply to  
28 equipment and component performance for heating, ventilating and  
29 air conditioning systems. Where equipment efficiency levels are  
30 specified, data furnished by the equipment supplier or certified

1 under a nationally recognized certification program or rating  
2 procedure shall be used to satisfy these requirements.

3 (b) Systems equipment - electrical.--Heating ventilating and  
4 air conditioning systems equipment whose energy input in the  
5 cooling mode is entirely electric shall show a coefficient of  
6 performance (COP) and energy efficiency ratio (EER) not less  
7 than the values specified in Table 6. These requirements apply  
8 to, but are not limited to, unitary cooling equipment (air and  
9 water source); packaged air conditioners; and room air  
10 conditioners. These requirements do not apply to equipment used  
11 in areas having open refrigerated food display cases. For  
12 determining coefficient of performance (COP), the rate of net  
13 heat removal shall be defined as the change in the total heat  
14 contents of the air entering and leaving the equipment (without  
15 reheat). Total energy input shall be determined by combining the  
16 energy inputs to all elements of the equipment, including but  
17 not limited to, compressors, pumps, supply-air fans, cooling  
18 tower fans and the system equipment control circuit.

19 Table 6

20 Minimum EER and COP for Electric Heating, Ventilating  
21 and Air Conditioning System Equipment

22 Standard rating capacity	EER	COP
23 Under 65,000 Btu/hr (19,050 watts)	6.1	1.8
24 65,000 Btu/hr (19,050 watts) and over	6.8	2.0

25  
26 (c) Other system equipment.--Heat operated cooling equipment  
27 shall show a coefficient of performance (COP) in the cooling  
28 mode not less than the values specified in Table 7. These  
29 requirements apply to, but are not limited to, absorption,

1 engine-driven and turbine-driven equipment. The coefficient of  
 2 performance (COP) is determined excluding the electrical  
 3 auxiliary inputs.

4 Table 7

5 Minimum COP for Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning  
 6 System Heat Operated Cooling Equipment

7 Heat source	8 Minimum COP
8 Direct fired (gas, oil)	0.40
9 Indirect fired (steam, hot water)	0.65

10

11 (d) System components.--Heating, ventilating and air  
 12 conditioning system components whose energy input in the cooling  
 13 mode is entirely electric shall show a coefficient of  
 14 performance (COP) and energy efficiency ratio (EER) not less  
 15 than the values specified in Table 8. For determining  
 16 coefficient of performance (COP), the rate of heat removal is  
 17 defined as the difference in total heat contents of the water or  
 18 refrigerant entering or leaving the component. Total energy  
 19 input shall be determined by combining the energy inputs to all  
 20 elements and accessories of the component, including but not  
 21 limited to, compressors, internal circulating pumps, condenser-  
 22 air fans, evaporative-condenser cooling heater pumps, purge, and  
 23 the component control circuit.

24 Table 8

25 Minimum COP for Electrically Driven Heating, Ventilating  
 26 and Air Conditioning System Components

27 Component	28 Condensing means	Air	Water	Evaporation
		EER COP	EER COP	EER COP

1	Self-contained	Centrifugal	7.5	2.2	12.9	3.8		
2	water chillers							
3		Positive						
4		displacement	7.2	2.1	10.9	3.2		
5	Condenserless	Positive						
6	water chillers	displacement	8.9	2.6	10.9	3.2		
7	Compressor and							
8	condenser units	Positive						
9	65,000 Btu/hr.	displacement	7.8	2.3	11.3	3.3	11.3	3.3
10	(19,050 watts)							
11	and over							

12 (e) Heat pumps.--Heat pumps whose energy input is entirely  
13 electric shall show a coefficient of performance (COP), heating,  
14 not less than the values specified in Table 9.

15 Table 9

16 Minimum COP for Heat Pumps, Heating Mode

17	Source and outdoor temperature (degree F.)	Minimum COP
18	Air source--47 DB/43 WB	2.2
19	Air source--17 DB/15 WB	1.2
20	Water source--60 entering	2.2

21 (f) Supplementary heater.--The heat pump shall be installed  
22 with a control to prevent supplementary heater operation when  
23 the heating load can be met by the heat pump alone.  
24 Supplementary heater operation is permitted during transient  
25 periods, such as start-ups, following room thermostat setpoint  
26 advance, and during defrost. A two-stage room thermostat, which  
27 controls the supplementary heat on its second stage, shall be  
28 accepted as meeting this requirement. The cut-on temperature for  
29 the compression heating shall be higher than the cut-on

1 temperature for the supplementary heat, and the cut-off  
2 temperature for the compression heating shall be higher than the  
3 cut-off temperature for the supplementary heat. Supplementary  
4 heat may be derived from any source of electric resistance  
5 heating or combustion heating.

6 (g) Combustion heating equipment.--All gas and oil-fired  
7 comfort heating equipment shall show a minimum combustion  
8 efficiency of 75% at maximum rated output. Combustion efficiency  
9 shall be determined in accordance with the ASHRAE Standard 90.  
10 Section 222. Duct insulation.

11 (a) Insulation.--All duct systems, or portions thereof,  
12 exposed to nonconditioned spaces shall be insulated to provide a  
13 thermal resistance, excluding film resistance, of

14 
$$R = \frac{t_i - t_o}{15} \text{ (hr) (sq.ft) (F)/BTU}$$

17 where  $t_i - t_o$  is the design temperature differential (absolute  
18 value) between the air in the duct and the surrounding air with  
19 the following exceptions. Duct insulation, except when needed to  
20 prevent condensation, is not required in any of the following  
21 cases:

- 22 (1) Where  $t_i - t_o$  is 25 degrees F. or less.
- 23 (2) When the heat gain or loss of the ducts, without  
24 insulation, will not increase the energy requirements of the  
25 building.
- 26 (3) Exhaust air ducts.
- 27 (4) Supply or return air ducts installed in crawl spaces  
28 with insulated walls, basements or cellars in one and two-  
29 family dwellings.

30 (b) Vapor barriers.--Where required to prevent condensation,

1 insulation with vapor barriers shall be installed in addition to  
2 insulation required above.

3 Section 223. System controls.

4 (a) Application.--All heating, ventilating and air  
5 conditioning systems shall be provided controls as specified  
6 herein.

7 (b) Temperature.--Each heating, ventilating and air  
8 conditioning system shall be provided with at least one  
9 thermostat for the regulation of temperature. Each thermostat  
10 shall be capable of being set from 55 degrees F. to 75 degrees  
11 F. where used to control heating only and from 70 degrees F. to  
12 85 degrees F. where used to control cooling only. Where used to  
13 control both heating and cooling it shall be capable of being  
14 set from 55 degrees F. to 85 degrees F. and shall be capable of  
15 operating the system heating and cooling in sequence. It shall  
16 be adjustable to provide a temperature range of up to 10 degrees  
17 F. between full heating and full cooling, except as allowed in  
18 section 220.

19 (c) Humidity.--If a heating, ventilating and air  
20 conditioning system is equipped with a means for adding moisture  
21 to maintain specific selected relative humidities in spaces or  
22 zones, a humidistat shall be provided. This device shall be  
23 capable of being set to prevent new energy from being used to  
24 produce space relative humidity above 30% R.H. Where a  
25 humidistat is used in a heating, ventilating and air  
26 conditioning system for controlling moisture removal to maintain  
27 specific selected relative humidities in spaces or zones, it  
28 shall be capable of being set to prevent new energy from being  
29 used to produce a space relative humidity below 60%.

30 (d) Temperature zoning.--

1           (1) In all buildings and structures of Use Group R-3, at  
2           least one thermostat for regulation of space temperature  
3           shall be provided for each separate heating, ventilating and  
4           air conditioning system. In addition, a readily accessible  
5           manual or automatic means shall be provided to partially  
6           restrict or shut-off the heating or cooling input to each  
7           zone or floor, excluding unheated or uncooled basements and  
8           garages.

9           (2) In all buildings and structures of Use Group R-2,  
10          each individual dwelling unit shall be considered separately  
11          and shall meet the requirements for one and two-family  
12          dwellings above.

13          (3) In all buildings and structures other than Use Group  
14          R-3 and in spaces other than dwelling units in Use Group R-2,  
15          at least one thermostat for regulation of space temperature  
16          shall be provided for each separate heating, ventilating and  
17          air conditioning system and for each floor of the building.

18          (e) Set-back and shut-off.--

19          (1) In all buildings and structures, or portions thereof  
20          of Use Group R-3, the thermostat, or an alternate means such  
21          as a switch or a clock, shall provide a readily accessible,  
22          manual or automatic means for reducing the energy required  
23          for heating and cooling during periods of nonuse or reduced  
24          need.

25          (2) In all other buildings and structures, or portions  
26          thereof each heating, ventilating and air conditioning system  
27          shall be equipped with a readily accessible means of reducing  
28          the energy used for heating, ventilating and air conditioning  
29          during periods of nonuse or alternate uses of the building  
30          spaces or zones served by the system, such as with manually

1 adjustable automatic timing devices, manual devices for use  
2 by operating personnel, or automatic control systems.

3 (3) Lowering thermostat set points to reduce energy  
4 consumption of heating systems shall not cause energy to be  
5 expended to reach the reduced setting.

6 Section 4. Section 224 of the act, amended July 10, 1981  
7 (P.L.231, No.75) and repealed November 10, 1999 (P.L.491,  
8 No.45), is reenacted to read:

9 Section 224. Steam and hot water heating systems.

10 (a) Combustion heating equipment.--All gas and oil-fired  
11 comfort heating equipment shall show a minimum combustion  
12 efficiency of 75% at maximum rated output. Combustion efficiency  
13 shall be determined in accordance with ASHRAE 90.

14 (b) Piping insulation.--All piping serving as part of a  
15 heating or cooling system installed to serve buildings and  
16 within buildings shall be thermally insulated as shown in Table  
17 10.

18 Table 10

19 Minimum Pipe Insulation

20

21 Insulation thickness in inches

22 Fluid for pipe sizes

23 Piping temperature

24 system range, Runouts 1" and 1 1/4- 2 1/2- 5" and  
25 types F. up to 2" less 2 4 6 larger

26 Heating systems

27 Steam &

28 hot water

29 High pressure/

30 temp 306-450 1 1/2 1 1/2 2 2 1/2 3 1/2 3 1/2



1	Med. pressure/							
2	temp	251-305	1 1/2	1 1/2	2	2 1/2	3	3
3	Low pressure/							
4	temp	201-250	1	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2	2
5	Low tem-							
6	perature	120-200	1/2	3/4	1	1	1	1 1/2
7	Steam con-							
8	densate	Any	1	1	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2
9	(for feed							
10	water)							
11	Cooling systems							
12	Chilled							
13	water,	40-55	1/2	1/2	3/4	1	1	1
14	Refrigerant,							
15	or brine	Below 40	1	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2

16 Insulation thicknesses are based on insulation having thermal  
17 resistances in the range of 4.0 to 4.6 per inch of thickness on  
18 a flat surface at a mean temperature of 75 degrees F. Minimum  
19 insulation thickness shall be increased for materials having R  
20 values less than 4.0 or may be reduced for materials having R  
21 values greater than 4.6 per inch of thickness as follows:

22 (c) High thermal resistance.--For materials with thermal  
23 resistance greater than R=4.6, the minimum insulation thickness  
24 may be reduced as follows:

$$25 \quad 4.6 \times \frac{\text{Table 10 Thickness}}{\text{Actual R}} = \text{New Minimum Thickness}$$

27 (d) Low thermal resistance.--For materials with thermal  
28 resistance less than R=4.0 the minimum insulation thickness  
29 shall be increased as follows:

$$30 \quad 4.0 \times \text{Table 10 Thickness} = \text{New Minimum Thickness}$$

1 Actual R

2 Piping insulation, except when needed to prevent condensation,  
3 is not required in any of the following cases:

4 (1) Piping installed within heating, ventilating and air  
5 conditioning equipment.

6 (2) Piping at temperatures between 55 degrees F. and 120  
7 degrees F.

8 (3) When the heat loss or heat gain of the piping,  
9 without insulation, does not increase the energy requirements  
10 of the building.

11 (4) Piping installed in basements or cellars in one and  
12 two-family dwellings.

13 (e) Vapor barriers.--Where required to prevent condensation,  
14 insulation with vapor barriers shall be installed in addition to  
15 insulation required above.

16 Section 5. Subchapters F, G, H, I and J of Chapter 2,  
17 heading of Chapter 3 and section 301 of the act, repealed  
18 November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), are reenacted to read:

19 SUBCHAPTER F

20 PLUMBING SYSTEMS

21 Section 225. Purpose.

22 This subchapter sets forth provisions for design and  
23 equipment selection for energy conservation in service water  
24 heating systems.

25 Section 226. Fixtures.

26 (a) Lavatories.--Lavatories in restrooms of public  
27 facilities shall be equipped with self-closing outlet devices  
28 which limit the flow of hot water to a maximum of 0.5 Gpm,  
29 devices which limit the outlet temperature to a maximum of 110  
30 degrees F. and self-closing valves which limit the quantity of

1 hot water to a maximum of 0.25 gallon.

2 (b) Showers.--Showers used for other than safety reasons  
3 shall be equipped with flow control devices to limit total flow  
4 to a maximum of 3 Gpm per shower head.

5 Section 227. Insulation.

6 (a) Piping insulation.--Piping in required return  
7 circulation systems shall be insulated so that heat loss is  
8 limited to a maximum of 25 Btuh per square foot of external pipe  
9 surface for above ground piping and a maximum of 35 Btuh per  
10 square foot of external pipe surface for underground piping.  
11 Maximum heat loss shall be determined at a temperature  
12 differential equal to the maximum water temperature minus a  
13 design ambient temperature no higher than 65 degrees F. except  
14 that conformance with table 10 for "low temperature piping  
15 system" shall be deemed as complying with this section.

16 (b) Tanks.--Unfired hot water storage tanks shall be  
17 insulated so that heat loss is limited to a maximum of 15 Btuh  
18 per square foot of external tank surface area. For purposes of  
19 determining this heat loss, the design ambient temperature shall  
20 be no higher than 65 degrees F.

21 Section 228. Equipment.

22 (a) Pump operation.--Circulating hot water systems shall be  
23 arranged so that the circulating pump can be conveniently turned  
24 off either automatically or manually when the hot water system  
25 is not in operation.

26 (b) Electric water heaters.--All automatic electric storage  
27 water heaters shall have a stand-by loss not exceeding 4 watts  
28 per square foot of tank surface area. The method of test of  
29 stand-by loss shall be as described in section 4.3.1 of ANSI  
30 C72.1 Household Automatic Electrical Storage-Type Water Heaters.

1 (c) Gas and oil-fired water heaters.--All gas and oil-fired  
2 automatic storage heaters shall have a recovery efficiency, ER,  
3 not less than 75% and a stand-by loss percentage S, not  
4 exceeding  $S=2.3+67/V$  where V=rated volume in gallons. The method  
5 of test of ER and S shall be as described in section 2.7 of ANSI  
6 Z21.10.3 Circulating Tank, Instantaneous and Large Automatic  
7 Storage Type Water Heaters, Approval Requirements for Gas Water  
8 Heaters.

9 Section 229. Controls.

10 (a) Temperature controls.--All hot water supply systems  
11 shall be equipped with automatic temperature controls capable of  
12 adjustments from the lowest to the highest acceptable  
13 temperature settings for the intended use.

14 (b) Shut down.--A separate switch shall be provided to  
15 terminate the energy supplied to electric hot water supply  
16 systems. A separate valve shall be provided to turn off the  
17 energy supplied to the main burner of all other types of hot  
18 water supply systems.

19 SUBCHAPTER G

20 ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

21 Section 230. System requirements.

22 (a) Service voltage.--Where a choice of service voltage is  
23 available, the voltage resulting in the least energy loss shall  
24 be used.

25 (b) Voltage drop.--In any building, the maximum total  
26 voltage drop shall not exceed 3% in branch circuits or feeders,  
27 for a total of 5% to the farthest outlet based on steady state  
28 design load conditions.

29 (c) Lighting switching.--Switching shall be provided for  
30 each lighting circuit, or for portions of each circuit, so that

1 the partial lighting required for custodial or for effective  
2 complementary use with natural lighting may be operated  
3 selectively.

4 (d) Separate metering.--In all multi-family dwellings,  
5 including buildings classified as Use Group R-3, provisions  
6 shall be made to determine the electrical energy consumed by  
7 each tenant.

8 SUBCHAPTER H

9 LIGHTING

10 Section 231. Lighting power budget.

11 A lighting power budget is the upper limit of the power to be  
12 available to provide the lighting needs in accordance with a  
13 given set of criteria and given calculation procedure.

14 Section 232. Calculation methods.

15 The criteria specified below shall be utilized for  
16 computation of the lighting power budget. All calculations shall  
17 be in accordance with accepted engineering practice. When  
18 insufficient information is known about the specific use of the  
19 building space (e.g., number of occupants, space function,  
20 location of partitions), the budget shall be based on the  
21 apparent intended use of the building space.

22 Section 233. Building interiors.

23 (a) Procedure.--The allowable electric power for lighting  
24 shall be established by using the criteria and the calculation  
25 procedures specified in section 236. The value shall be based on  
26 the use for which the space within the building is intended and  
27 on efficient energy utilization.

28 (b) Illumination level criteria.--For the purpose of  
29 establishing a budget, levels of illumination shall be those  
30 listed in fig. 9-80 of the IES Lighting Handbook, and those

1 levels shall be used as follows:

2 (1) For task lighting, the levels of illumination listed  
3 are for specific tasks. These levels are for the task areas  
4 defined in the IES Lighting Handbook or, where not defined,  
5 at all usable portions of task surfaces. In some cases, the  
6 levels of illumination are listed for locations (e.g.,  
7 auditoriums). These levels are to be considered as average  
8 levels.

9 (2) For general lighting, in areas surrounding task  
10 locations, the average level of general lighting, for budget  
11 purposes only, shall be one-third the level for the tasks  
12 performed in the area but in no case less than 20-foot  
13 candles. Where more than one task level occurs in a space,  
14 the general level shall be one-third the weighted average of  
15 the specific task levels.

16 (3) For noncritical lighting, in circulation and seating  
17 areas, where no specific visual tasks occur, the average  
18 level of illumination shall be one-third of the average  
19 general lighting in the adjacent task spaces but in no case  
20 less than ten-foot candles.

21 (4) For the purpose of establishing a power budget, only  
22 lamp efficacies and coefficients of utilization (CU)  
23 specified in Table 11, shall be assumed.

24 Section 234. Building exteriors.

25 (a) Basis on use.--In exterior spaces, the lighting power  
26 budget shall be based on the use of which the space is intended  
27 (for task performance, safety, or security) and on efficient  
28 energy utilization.

29 (b) Criteria.--The same criteria as those for interior  
30 spaces apply for illumination levels and lighting systems with

1 the addition of luminaires for floodlighting. For power budget  
2 purposes floodlighting shall be selected with luminaires having  
3 a greater percentage of their beam lumens restricted to the area  
4 to be lighted. Such luminaires are defined as those with at  
5 least the minimum efficiencies listed in the IES Lighting  
6 Handbook.

7 (c) Facade lighting.--Facade lighting for budget purposes  
8 shall be no greater than 2% of the total interior load of the  
9 building.

10 (d) Calculation procedure.--In establishing a lighting power  
11 budget the following procedures shall be used:

12 (1) For overhead lighting the procedure specified in  
13 section 236 shall be followed, but using reflectances as  
14 found.

15 (2) For floodlighting the beam lumen method, as shown in  
16 the IES Lighting Handbook and a coefficient of beam  
17 utilization (CBU) of 0.75 shall be used for floodlighting  
18 calculations.

19 Section 235. Exceptions to criteria.

20 (a) Spaces.--The criteria of section 233 shall not apply to  
21 the following areas when calculating the load:

22 (1) Portions of residential occupancies except for  
23 kitchens, bathrooms, and laundry areas and public spaces  
24 including lobbies, halls, stairways, basement areas and  
25 utility rooms.

26 (2) Residential type spaces similar to those stated in  
27 paragraph (1) in institutions, such as hospitals, hotels,  
28 funeral homes, churches, museums, etc.

29 (3) Theater auditoriums, entertainment and audiovisual  
30 presentations where the lighting is an essential technical

1 element for the function performed.

2 (b) Luminaires.--The criteria of section 234 shall not apply  
3 to the following lamps and luminaires; however, their use shall  
4 be accounted for in the calculation of task lighting loads for  
5 specific tasks. The allowable load shall be based on the  
6 luminaire wattage to achieve the levels of illumination as  
7 covered in section 233 using a point calculation method given in  
8 the IES Lighting Handbook. The excepted lamps and luminaires are  
9 as follows:

10 (1) Luminaires for medical and dental purposes.

11 (2) Luminaires for highlighting applications, such as  
12 sculpture exhibits, art exhibits, and individual items of  
13 display merchandise.

14 (3) Luminaires for specialized lighting applications  
15 (color matching, where electrical interference cannot be  
16 tolerated, etc.).

17 (c) Control of reflectances.--The criteria of Table 11 shall  
18 not apply in spaces where it is impractical to control  
19 reflectances and where a dirty atmosphere cannot be avoided.  
20 Where this condition exists, the values for reflectances and  
21 light loss factors shall be those expected to be found and shall  
22 be approved by the department. The calculation shall make a note  
23 of this deviation.

24 Section 236. Calculation procedure.

25 To establish a lighting power budget the following procedures  
26 shall be used:

27 (a) To determine illumination levels and areas:

28 (1) Determine the visual tasks that are expected to be  
29 performed in each space and the number of planned work  
30 locations where tasks will be performed. If assumptions are



1 made, their bases shall be indicated.

2 (2) Select the illumination level, in foot-candles for  
3 those expected tasks in accordance with section 233(b)(1).

4 (3) Calculate total task areas to be illuminated to the  
5 same level by multiplying the number of work locations by 50  
6 square feet per work location. Use actual task area if  
7 greater than 50 square feet. If the sum of all task areas is  
8 greater than 50% of the total space area, then the task area  
9 per work location shall be reduced proportionately, so that  
10 the total task area is limited to one-half the total space  
11 area. If special task lighting or localized lighting is to be  
12 employed, use the actual task areas and point calculation  
13 procedures.

14 (4) Calculate the level of general lighting by  
15 multiplying the task lighting level by one-third, where there  
16 is only one task level, or by taking one-third of the sum of  
17 the products of the task levels as provided for in paragraph  
18 (2) and their areas as provided for in paragraph (3) divided  
19 by the total task areas.

20 (5) Calculate the level of noncritical lighting.

21 (b) To determine lighting system data:

22 (1) Determine light source and luminaire types to use.

23 (2) Determine lamp lumens per watt and luminaire  
24 coefficients of utilization for room and luminaire mounting  
25 height dimensions. Luminaire CUs shall be selected from the  
26 IES Lighting Handbook. In all cases, no luminaire shall have  
27 a CU for RCR = 1 of less than that given in Table 11 lamp  
28 efficacies for the appropriate space.

29 (c) To determine allowable wattage:

30 (1) Using data from subsection (b), the illumination

1 levels and areas determined in subsection (a), and the  
2 criteria of Table 11 on Reflectance, calculate the allowable  
3 wattages using the lumen method.

4 (2) Calculate the total space wattage by adding the  
5 task, general and noncritical lighting loads.

6 (3) Add the wattage of luminaires allowed in section  
7 235(b).

8 Table 11

9 (a) Lamp efficacies.--The following are initial lumen output  
10 per watt input, including ballast losses:

11 Application	12 Lumens per Watt
13 Where moderate color rendition is appropriate	55
14 Where good color rendition is appropriate	40
15 Where high color rendition is appropriate, 16 spaces are less than 50 square feet or where 17 use of low wattage High Intensity Discharge 18 (HID) lamps under 250 W or fluorescent 19 lamps under 40 W is appropriate.	25

20 (b) Luminaire coefficients of utilization (CU).--  
21 Coefficients of utilization (CUs) are to be for luminaires for  
22 use in the types of spaces listed below, and those luminaires  
23 shall have a CU of no less than that listed below (for each type  
24 space) for a Room Cavity Ratio (RCR) of 1 and reflectances as in  
25 (c).

26 Space Use	27 Minimum CU (at RCR = 1)
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28 For spaces with tasks subjected to veiling  
29 reflections, where recommended levels of  
30 illumination are listed in terms of

1 equivalent sphere illumination (ESI), and  
2 where visual comfort is important. 0.55

3 For spaces without tasks, or with tasks  
4 not subjected to veiling reflections, but  
5 where visual comfort is important. 0.63

6 For spaces without tasks and where visual  
7 comfort is not a criterion. 0.70

8 (c) Other criteria:

9 (1) Reflectances. For interior spaces, the following  
10 initial cavity and surface reflectances shall be assumed:

11 Ceiling cavity reflectance 80%

12 Wall reflectance 50%

13 Floor cavity reflectance 20%

14 (2) Light loss factor. A light loss factor (LLF) of 0.70  
15 shall be used.

16 SUBCHAPTER I

17 ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS

18 Section 237. Performance alternative.

19 Alternative building systems and equipment design may be  
20 approved by the department when they can be shown to have energy  
21 consumption not greater than that of a similar building with  
22 similar forms of energy requirements, designed in accordance  
23 with the provisions of this act or when they can be shown to  
24 have energy consumption not greater than that which shall be  
25 established by the department with the approval of the Building  
26 Energy Conservation Committee, for the purposes of this section:  
27 Provided, however, That for all buildings classified as Use  
28 Group R-3 alternate building systems and equipment design which  
29 satisfy the criteria of this section shall not require the  
30 approval of the department but the use of such an alternate

1 building system or equipment design shall be indicated in the  
2 warranty provided in section 306.

3 Section 238. Nondepletable sources; exemption.

4 When such alternative systems utilize solar, geothermal, wind  
5 or other nondepletable energy sources for all or part of their  
6 energy sources, such nondepletable energy supplied to the  
7 building shall be excluded from the total energy chargeable to  
8 the proposed alternative design. Any structure that is designed  
9 and built free of any dependence on depletable energy sources  
10 shall be exempt from the provisions of section 239 and any other  
11 provisions of this act.

12 Section 239. Documentation.

13 Proposed alternative designs, submitted to the department as  
14 requests for exception to the standard design criteria, must be  
15 accompanied by an energy analysis prepared in accordance with  
16 the ASHRAE Standard 90-75.

17 SUBCHAPTER J

18 USE GROUP R-3 PRESCRIPTIVE STANDARDS

19 Section 240. Minimum insulation requirements for Use Group R-3.

20 Except as provided in section 237, Use Group R-3 buildings  
21 shall be constructed utilizing the following minimum insulation  
22 standards:

23 Ceilings	R - 19
24 Exterior Walls	R - 13
25 Floors Over Unheated Basements 26 and Crawl Spaces*	R - 11

27 \*Basements containing a furnace  
28 and/or hot water heater may be  
29 considered heated

30 Edge Insulation for:

1	Heated Slabs	R - 6.3
2	Unheated Slabs	R - 4.2
3	Windows	Multiglazing
4	Entrance Doors	R - 2.5
5	Sliding Glass Doors (if applicable)	Multiglazing
6	Ducts in Unheated Areas	R - 3

7 CHAPTER 3

8 APPLICATION OF STANDARDS: ESTABLISHMENT

9 OF COMMITTEE AND PENALTIES

10 Section 301. Modification of standards; criteria.

11 (a) Recommendations to General Assembly.--The department,  
 12 with the approval of the Building Energy Conservation Committee  
 13 established pursuant to section 304, after one or more public  
 14 hearings, may recommend to the General Assembly modifications to  
 15 the energy conservation standards contained in Chapter 2 hereof.  
 16 Any recommended modification to the energy conservation  
 17 standards shall meet the following criteria:

18 (1) It shall be consistent with the latest and most  
 19 effective technology.

20 (2) It shall not be in conflict with existing safeguards  
 21 for public health and safety.

22 (3) It shall be economically feasible as determined by  
 23 life-cycle-cost procedures.

24 (4) It shall be sufficiently stringent to effect a  
 25 significant savings of energy resources.

26 (5) It shall be a performance standard for the design of  
 27 buildings and systems within buildings to assure maximum  
 28 practical conservation of energy.

29 (6) Consideration shall be given to building and energy  
 30 standards promulgated by national and other State

1 governmental agencies, private organizations and any other  
2 available energy data.

3 (b) Federal performance standards.--In the event that the  
4 Federal Government promulgates performance standards that are  
5 inconsistent or more stringent than the standards detailed in  
6 this act, and the Federal Government mandates the states to  
7 enact legislation to comply with its standards, then the  
8 department, with the approval of the Building Energy  
9 Conservation Committee, may modify the energy conservation  
10 standards contained in this bill without the approval of the  
11 General Assembly, in order to comply with the Federal standards.

12 Section 6. Section 302 of the act, amended May 9, 1986  
13 (P.L.181, No.55) and repealed November 10, 1999 (P.L.491,  
14 No.45), is reenacted and amended to read:

15 Section 302. Application of energy conservation standards.

16 The energy conservation standards contained herein or as  
17 promulgated by the department with the approval of the Building  
18 Energy Conservation Committee shall apply to new buildings or to  
19 renovations or additions on which actual construction and/or  
20 design has not commenced prior to their effective dates. Except  
21 for the authority of the Department of Community [Affairs] and  
22 Economic Development to promulgate rules or regulations for all  
23 units subject to the act of May 11, 1972 (P.L.286, No.70), known  
24 as the "Industrialized Housing Act," provided such standards  
25 invoked are equal to or more stringent than those contained in  
26 this act, or as mandated by Federal law, no public utility as  
27 defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions),  
28 department, board, agency or commission other than as provided  
29 herein, shall promulgate or adopt any mandatory building energy  
30 conservation standards, rules or regulations other than the

1 standards contained in Chapter 2, Subchapters D through J or  
2 promulgated under Chapter 4 of this act except as mandated by  
3 Federal law.

4 Section 7. Sections 303 and 304 of the act, repealed  
5 November 12, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), are reenacted to read:

6 Section 303. Energy conservation manual for buildings.

7 (a) Production of manual.--Concurrent with the adoption of  
8 the energy conservation codes required by this act, the  
9 department in conjunction with the Governor's Energy Council  
10 shall produce an energy conservation manual for use by  
11 designers, builders, contractors of residential and  
12 nonresidential buildings, and municipalities of the  
13 Commonwealth. This manual shall contain the established  
14 standards and accepted practices. The manual shall further  
15 contain prescriptive standards which, if complied with, will  
16 result in conformance with the performance standards contained  
17 herein or as promulgated by the department and shall be written  
18 in such manner as to be easily understood by persons possessing  
19 a minimal technical background. The manual shall be furnished  
20 upon request to members of the public at a price sufficient to  
21 cover the cost of printing.

22 (b) Review of manual.--The manual shall be reviewed by the  
23 department and the Building Energy Conservation Committee at  
24 least annually and shall be updated as significant new energy  
25 conservation information becomes available.

26 (c) Educational programs.--The department in conjunction  
27 with the Governor's Energy Council shall provide seminars and  
28 other educational programs throughout the Commonwealth to  
29 provide information and counseling to builders, architects,  
30 other licensed design professionals, local building officials

1 and other persons affected by this act on the standards  
2 contained herein or as promulgated by the department.

3 Section 304. Building Energy Conservation Committee.

4 (a) Composition of committee.--In order to further the  
5 coordinated and effective administration of this act, there is  
6 hereby established within the Governor's Energy Council a  
7 Building Energy Conservation Committee. It shall consist of  
8 twelve members, the membership of which shall be appointed by  
9 the Governor. The committee shall consist of the following  
10 members or their designees:

11 (1) Two representatives of State Government.

12 (2) One representative of local government.

13 (3) One licensed professional engineer.

14 (4) Two building contractors, one residential and one  
15 industrial.

16 (5) One licensed architect.

17 (6) One representative of the energy supply industry.

18 (7) Four representatives of such other agencies and  
19 organizations or individuals as the Governor may find are  
20 necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the  
21 committee.

22 (b) Powers and duties.--In addition to the powers and duties  
23 enumerated in this act, the Building Energy Conservation  
24 Committee shall:

25 (1) Be responsible for the regular exchange of  
26 information and plans regarding building energy conservation,  
27 for the development, review and approval of proposed and  
28 existing standards, guidelines, regulations and manuals.

29 (2) Elect from its members a Board on Variances.

30 (c) Expenses.--The members of the committee shall not



1 receive any compensation for their services but shall be  
2 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in  
3 the performance of their duties. Provided, however, when acting  
4 on matters concerning variances members of the Board on  
5 Variances shall receive \$50 per day plus their actual and  
6 necessary expenses.

7 Section 8. Section 305 of the act, amended December 19, 1985  
8 (P.L.344, No.98) and repealed November 10, 1999 (P.L.491,  
9 No.45), is reenacted to read:

10 Section 305. Certification.

11 (a) Applicability.--The provisions of this section shall  
12 apply to all buildings subject to this act except those  
13 classified as Use Group R-3.

14 (b) Compliance with act.--It shall be the duty of the  
15 licensed design professional retained in connection with the  
16 design or construction of a building to certify that, in his  
17 professional opinion and in accordance with the accepted  
18 standards of his profession, the drawings, specifications and  
19 other data will achieve compliance with the provisions of this  
20 act. If no licensed design professional is retained in  
21 connection with the design or construction of a building, then  
22 this certification shall be made by the builder or the owner, if  
23 he is the builder. All such information required in this  
24 provision to be submitted to the department must be accompanied  
25 by a filing fee of \$10. The filing fee may be subject to change  
26 by the Building Energy Conservation Committee upon the  
27 recommendation of the department to the Building Energy  
28 Conservation Committee, provided, however, that advance notice  
29 of such change has appeared in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. If the  
30 building is subject to the provisions of the act of April 27,

1 1927 (P.L.465, No.299), referred to as the Fire and Panic Act,  
2 the certification required hereunder shall be submitted on a  
3 form with the application for plan approval under the said Fire  
4 and Panic Act.

5 (c) Inspection.--Each licensed design professional retained  
6 by the owner or his designee, where any of such are retained  
7 during the construction of a building, shall make periodic  
8 inspections of the building progression to observe compliance  
9 with this act: Provided, That such inspection shall not be  
10 construed as a guarantee of satisfactory performance by others  
11 or as an assumption of financial liability for unknown defects  
12 or deficiencies in the work of others.

13 (d) Final certification.--Each builder retained by the owner  
14 or the owner, if he is the builder, shall make a final  
15 certification of every completed building stating that such  
16 building has been constructed in compliance with the approved  
17 drawings and specifications prepared by a licensed design  
18 professional or with the provisions of this act.

19 Section 9. Section 306 of the act, amended December 19, 1985  
20 (P.L.344, No.98) and repealed November 10, 1999 (P.L.491,  
21 No.45), is reenacted and amended to read:

22 Section 306. Use Group R-3; notice; warranty.

23 (a) Notice to department.--Prior to construction of any  
24 building classified as Use Group R-3, the builder shall notify  
25 the department by first class mail of his intent to begin  
26 construction. Such notice shall include a filing fee of \$10 and  
27 contain the name of the owner of the building and its location.  
28 The filing fee may be subject to change by the Building Energy  
29 Conservation Committee, upon the recommendation of the  
30 department to the Building Energy Conservation Committee,

1 provided, however, that advance notice of such change has  
2 appeared in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

3 (a.1) Restricted account.--All filing fees shall be  
4 deposited in a restricted account in the State Treasury to be  
5 known as the Building Energy Conservation Account. All fees  
6 collected for the purpose of this act shall be deposited in this  
7 account and the department shall draw from the account  
8 sufficient funds to cover the administrative and enforcement  
9 costs of operating the program. The funds in the account are  
10 hereby appropriated to the department to carry out this act and  
11 shall not lapse at the end of any fiscal year. The balance of  
12 funds remaining in any existing Building Energy Conservation  
13 Account and held by the department on the effective date of this  
14 act is hereby transferred to the special Building Energy  
15 Conservation Account established pursuant to this subsection.

16 (a.2) Notice to public utilities and utility providers.--

17 (1) Prior to construction and except as provided in  
18 paragraph (5), the builder shall also provide a copy of the  
19 notice of intent to begin construction required by subsection  
20 (a) and certified as received by the department to all public  
21 utilities or utility providers which may be requested to  
22 furnish any electric service to or for buildings classified  
23 as Use Group R-3 which are constructed after the effective  
24 date of this subsection.

25 (2) All public utilities and utility providers shall  
26 rely on the certified copy of the required notice in  
27 furnishing, rendering or supplying any electric service to or  
28 for a building classified as Use Group R-3, except as  
29 provided in paragraph (5), and no public utility or utility  
30 provider shall conduct any audit, inspection or examination

1 of the building for the purpose of determining compliance  
2 with this act. The furnishing, rendering or supplying of  
3 electric service by a public utility or utility provider to  
4 or for a building classified as Use Group R-3 shall not  
5 constitute a certification or determination by the public  
6 utility or utility provider that the building has been  
7 constructed in compliance with this act.

8 (3) Except as provided in paragraph (5), no public  
9 utility or utility provider shall furnish any electric  
10 service to or for any building classified as Use Group R-3  
11 which is constructed after the effective date of this  
12 subsection unless it has first received the required copy of  
13 the notice of intent to begin construction which has been  
14 certified as received by the department.

15 (4) Each public utility or utility provider shall be  
16 required to retain the certified copy of the notice of intent  
17 to begin construction which is submitted to it for at least  
18 two years: Provided, however, That if a utility or utility  
19 provider uses data processing equipment to record and  
20 maintain information derived from the certified copy of the  
21 notice of intent to begin construction, such utility or  
22 utility provider shall not be required to retain the  
23 certified copy of the notice or a photocopy thereof.

24 (5) (i) Each public utility or utility provider shall  
25 be exempt from the provisions of paragraphs (1) through  
26 (4) when any electric service is requested for a building  
27 classified as Use Group R-3 which is located in a  
28 municipality which has elected to administer this act in  
29 accordance with sections 501 and 502 and which requires  
30 that a notice of intent to begin construction be filed

1 with the municipality prior to or at the time that  
2 application is made for a building permit.

3 (ii) Each public utility or utility provider shall  
4 be exempt from the provisions of paragraphs (1) through  
5 (4) in situations where, in the public utility's or  
6 utility provider's judgment, strict compliance may  
7 jeopardize the public health or safety or impose an undue  
8 hardship. In such event, the public utility or utility  
9 provider shall notify the department or the administering  
10 municipality, in writing, on forms prescribed by the  
11 department, of the exemption.

12 (6) If a builder fails to file the required notice with  
13 the department or the administering municipality within 30  
14 days of receiving an exemption under paragraph (5), the  
15 department or the administering municipality shall serve  
16 written notice on the builder that he is in violation of this  
17 act and subject to a penalty as provided for in subsection  
18 (d).

19 (b) Warranty.--At the time a contract for the construction  
20 of any building classified as Use Group R-3 is entered into, the  
21 builder shall warrant to the owner in writing that the building  
22 shall be constructed in accordance with the provisions of this  
23 act. Such warranty shall be a document separate from the  
24 contract and shall be in the following form:

25 I, (Builder), hereby warrant to (Owner) that the premises  
26 known as (Description) shall be constructed in accordance  
27 with the provisions of the Act of December 15, 1980 (No.222),  
28 known as the "Building Energy Conservation Act."

29 This law provides building standards to make your home  
30 energy efficient and also provides you with legal remedies if

1 your home is not built according to the State standards. If  
2 you would like the State to do an energy audit of your home  
3 to determine if it conforms to State standards, you may call  
4 the Pennsylvania Department of Community [Affairs] and  
5 Economic Development at (Telephone), and they will perform an  
6 inspection of your home for a fee of \$35.

7 Indicate if alternate building system or equipment design  
8 is being employed.

9 (c) If the builder is also the owner of the building at the  
10 time of construction, he shall provide the warranty required by  
11 subsection (b) at the time of its initial sale to a new owner.  
12 Such warranty shall be in substantially the same form as  
13 provided in subsection (b).

14 (d) Failure to provide notice.--The Department of Community  
15 [Affairs] and Economic Development, after hearing, may assess a  
16 civil penalty payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania not to  
17 exceed \$100 for a first offense upon any builder who fails to  
18 give the notice required by subsection (a). In determining the  
19 amount of the civil penalty for a first offense, the department  
20 shall consider the willfulness of the violation and the cost  
21 incurred by the department in discovering the violation. In the  
22 event a builder fails to give the notice required by subsection  
23 (a) on a second or subsequent occasion, the department shall  
24 assess upon the builder a civil penalty payable to the  
25 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of \$200.

26 (e) Failure to provide warranty.--Whenever a builder fails  
27 to provide the warranty required by subsection (b) or (c) such  
28 required warranty shall constitute an implied warranty and the  
29 owner's right to proceed under section 315(a) shall not be  
30 affected. If it is established by a preponderance of the

1 evidence that the builder's failure to provide the warranty was  
2 willful, then damages in twice the amount provided in section  
3 315 may be awarded.

4 Section 10. Sections 307, 308, 309, 310 and 311 of the act,  
5 repealed November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), are reenacted to  
6 read:

7 Section 307. Variances.

8 (a) Requests.--Any request for a variance from the energy  
9 conservation standards contained herein shall be made to the  
10 Board on Variances of the Building Energy Conservation Committee  
11 and a decision on such request shall be made within 30 days of  
12 its filing.

13 (b) Criteria.--A variance shall be granted only if it is  
14 found that:

15 (1) compliance with the provisions of this act would  
16 result in extreme hardship to the owner; and

17 (2) the granting of such variance would not result in a  
18 significant increase in the energy usage of the building.

19 Section 308. Building permits.

20 Any building permit issued by the Commonwealth or any of its  
21 political subdivisions shall have printed upon its face notice  
22 that the provisions of this act must be complied with.

23 Section 309. Permits for use or occupancy.

24 Before any building or structure hereafter constructed, other  
25 than a building not subject to this act, or those classified as  
26 Use Group R-3, shall be used or opened for occupancy, the owner  
27 thereof shall notify the department of the completion of the  
28 building for the purposes of this act and submit the necessary  
29 certification therewith: Provided, however, That if a  
30 municipality elects to administer the provisions of this act

1 under Chapter 5 such notice and certification shall be submitted  
2 to the municipality which shall forward a copy of the notice to  
3 the department. No permit for use or occupancy shall be granted  
4 until such submission has been made. No building official of the  
5 Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions shall issue a  
6 permit until he has received proof of such compliance. Where the  
7 certificate has been submitted to the department, presentation  
8 to the building official of the mailing receipt together with a  
9 copy of the certification required by section 305 shall  
10 establish proof of compliance for the purposes of this section.  
11 Upon such presentation any building official of the Commonwealth  
12 or any of its political subdivisions shall issue a permit for  
13 use or occupancy, provided all other criteria for such a permit  
14 have been satisfied and said building official shall notify the  
15 department that he has issued the same.

16 Section 310. Failure to submit certification.

17 Whenever the owner of any building, other than a building  
18 classified as Use Group R-3, shall fail to give the notice and  
19 submit the necessary certification in accordance with section  
20 309 and shall nevertheless proceed with the use or occupancy of  
21 the building, the department or the municipality shall serve  
22 notice on the said owner that he is in violation of this act and  
23 order him to comply therewith.

24 Section 311. Inspections.

25 The department may perform a nondestructive inspection within  
26 two years of the date of completion of construction of any  
27 building constructed after the effective date of this act to  
28 determine compliance with the provisions of this act, provided  
29 at least 30 days notice has been given to the owner. The costs  
30 of any such inspection initiated by the department shall not be



1 assessed on the owner. The department may also cause such an  
2 inspection to be performed at the request of the owner of any  
3 building subject to this act. The fee for such an inspection  
4 upon request under section 306(b) for R-3 buildings is \$35. The  
5 fee for inspections performed upon request for all other  
6 buildings subject to this act shall be determined by the  
7 department at such an amount as to cover the necessary costs of  
8 the inspection.

9 Section 11. Section 313 of the act, amended December 19,  
10 1985 (P.L.344, No.98) and repealed November 10, 1999 (P.L.491,  
11 No.45), is reenacted to read:

12 Section 313. Penalties.

13 (a) Applicability.--The provisions of this section shall  
14 apply to all buildings subject to this act except those  
15 classified as Use Group R-3.

16 (b) Violations of act.--Any person who shall willfully or  
17 negligently violate any of the provisions of this act, or the  
18 rules and regulations or the orders for the enforcement of the  
19 said provisions or rules and regulations issued by duly  
20 authorized officers of the department or who shall hinder, delay  
21 or interfere with any officer charged with the enforcement of  
22 this act in the performance of his duty, shall, upon conviction  
23 thereof, be punished by a fine of \$300 and costs. In the event  
24 of violation of more than one provision of this act, the  
25 violation of each provision shall be deemed a separate and  
26 distinct offense for the purposes of this section.

27 (c) Institution of proceedings.--Prosecutions for violations  
28 of this act or the rules and regulations of the department may  
29 be instituted by the Secretary of Labor and Industry or under  
30 his directions by an authorized representative of the

1 department. Upon conviction after a hearing in a court of  
2 competent jurisdiction, the sentences provided in this act shall  
3 be imposed and shall be final unless an appeal be taken in the  
4 manner prescribed by law.

5 (d) Disposition of fines.--All fines collected under this  
6 act shall be forwarded to the department who shall pay the same  
7 into the State Treasury for the use of the Commonwealth.

8 (e) False certification.--Any architect or other licensed  
9 design professional who willfully provides a false certification  
10 for any building subject to the provisions of this act shall be  
11 subject to the suspension or revocation of his license by the  
12 State Board of Examiners of Architects or other applicable State  
13 licensing board.

14 Section 12. Sections 314 and 315, Chapter 4, Chapter 5  
15 heading and sections 501, 502 and 503 of the act, repealed  
16 November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), are reenacted to read:  
17 Section 314. Enforcement.

18 (a) Applicability.--The provisions of this act shall apply  
19 to every building enumerated in this act, including buildings  
20 owned in whole or in part by the Commonwealth or any political  
21 subdivision thereof, and with the exception of those buildings  
22 not included in this act or those classified as Use Group R-3,  
23 shall be enforced by the Secretary of Labor and Industry, by and  
24 through his authorized representatives.

25 (b) Powers of officers.--For the purpose of enforcing the  
26 provisions of this act, all the officers charged with its  
27 enforcement shall have the power to enter any of the buildings  
28 enumerated in this act, and no person shall hinder or delay, or  
29 interfere with any of the said officers in the performance of  
30 his duty, nor refuse any pertinent information necessary to

1 determine whether the provisions of this act and the rules and  
2 regulations herein provided for, are or will be complied with.  
3 Section 315. Civil action.

4 (a) Use Group R-3.--The owner of any building subject to the  
5 requirements of section 306 who is aggrieved as the result of  
6 such building not being properly designed or constructed in  
7 conformance with this act shall have a right of action for  
8 breach of warranty. Remedies may include specific performance or  
9 an award of damages in an amount not less than \$300. Attorney's  
10 fees shall be recoverable in any action in which the owner  
11 prevails. Any such award shall further provide for payment of  
12 the actual costs in excess of \$35 incurred by the department if  
13 it inspected the building for the owner and the owner shall  
14 remit such amount to the department.

15 (b) Other buildings.--The owner of any building, other than  
16 a building not included in this act or those classified as Use  
17 Group R-3, at the time of its design or construction under the  
18 provisions of this act who is aggrieved as the result of such  
19 building not being properly designed or constructed in  
20 conformance with the certificate issued under section 305 of  
21 this act shall have a right of action against any person who is  
22 required to submit such certificate.

23 (c) Limitation of action.--

24 (1) No action brought under subsection (a) shall be  
25 maintained unless brought within three years from the date of  
26 the warranty.

27 (2) No action brought under subsection (b) shall be  
28 maintained unless brought within three years from the date of  
29 completion of the building.

1 ADOPTION OF FUTURE STANDARDS

2 Section 401. Adoption and promulgation of standards.

3 The department, with the approval of the Building Energy  
4 Conservation Committee, shall, after one or more public  
5 hearings, adopt and publish energy conservation standards for  
6 all buildings covered by this act in accordance with the  
7 provisions of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), known  
8 as the "Commonwealth Documents Law." The purpose of such  
9 standards is to reduce wasteful or uneconomic consumption of  
10 energy by balancing the cost of energy procurement against the  
11 cost of energy-conserving building practices. The energy  
12 conservation standards shall meet the following criteria:

13 (1) They shall be consistent with the latest and most  
14 effective technology.

15 (2) They shall not be in conflict with existing  
16 safeguards for public health and safety.

17 (3) They shall be economically feasible as determined by  
18 life-cycle-cost procedures.

19 (4) They shall be sufficiently stringent to effect a  
20 significant savings of energy resources.

21 (5) They shall be a performance standard for the design  
22 of buildings and systems within buildings to assure maximum  
23 practical conservation of energy.

24 (6) Consideration shall be given to building and energy  
25 standards promulgated by national and other State  
26 governmental agencies, private organizations and any other  
27 available energy data.

28 CHAPTER 5

29 LOCAL ELECTION

30 Section 501. Election; Use Group R-3.

1 Any municipality of this Commonwealth may elect to administer  
2 the provisions of this act relating to Use Group R-3 buildings,  
3 as defined in section 103, except for units subject to the act  
4 of May 11, 1972 (P.L.286, No.70), known as the "Industrialized  
5 Housing Act" or those units subject to Title VI (Public Law 93-  
6 383) referred to as the Federal Mobile Home Construction and  
7 Safety Standards Act of 1974. Such election shall be made by  
8 resolution of the governing body of such municipality which  
9 shall be in substantially the following form:

10 The (city, borough, town, or township) of \_\_\_\_\_  
11 hereby elects to administer the provisions of the act  
12 of December 15, 1980 (No.222), known as the "Building  
13 Energy Conservation Act" for Use Group R-3 buildings as defined  
14 therein.

15 Section 502. Election; cities of the first, second and second  
16 class A.

17 Any city of the first class, second class and second class A  
18 may elect to administer the provisions of this act for all  
19 buildings subject hereto, except for units subject to the act of  
20 May 11, 1972 (P.L.286, No.70), known as the "Industrialized  
21 Housing Act" or those units subject to Title VI (Public Law 93-  
22 383) referred to as the Federal Mobile Home Construction and  
23 Safety Standards Act of 1974. Such election shall be made by  
24 resolution of the governing body of such city which shall be in  
25 substantially the following form:

26 The city of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby elects to administer the  
27 provisions of the act of December 15, 1980 (No.222), known as  
28 the "Building Energy Conservation Act."

29 Section 503. Powers of municipalities.

30 Any municipality electing to administer the provisions of

1 this act under section 501 or 502 shall exercise the same powers  
2 conferred upon the department by this act, including the power  
3 to institute proceedings for violations of the act, with the  
4 exception of those powers specified in sections 301, 303 and in  
5 Chapter 4. In addition, any such municipality may exercise such  
6 other administrative and enforcement procedures as it shall deem  
7 necessary to effect the purposes of this act including, but not  
8 limited to, prior plan approval, building permit requirements,  
9 use or occupancy permit requirements and inspections during the  
10 course of construction.

11 Section 13. Section 504 of the act, amended December 19,  
12 1985 (P.L.344, No.98) and repealed November 10, 1999 (P.L.491,  
13 No.45), is reenacted to read:

14 Section 504. Variances.

15 Any municipality electing to administer the provisions of  
16 this act under section 501 or 502 shall establish a Board on  
17 Variances to make determinations on request for variance from  
18 the energy conservation standards contained herein or as  
19 promulgated by the department with the approval of the Building  
20 Energy Conservation Committee, and is authorized exclusive  
21 jurisdiction to grant such variances, section 307(a)  
22 notwithstanding. A municipality, however, need not establish a  
23 Board on Variances if it has established a zoning hearing board  
24 pursuant to the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as  
25 the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code." If the  
26 municipality does not establish a Board on Variances, the powers  
27 and duties established by this section shall be exercised by  
28 such zoning hearing board. A variance shall only be granted if  
29 the criteria of section 307(b) have been satisfied.

30 Section 14. Section 505 and Chapter 6 of the act, repealed

1 November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), are reenacted to read:

2 Section 505. Disposition of fines and fees.

3 Any fines or fees collected under this act by any  
4 municipality electing to administer the provisions of this act  
5 under section 501 or 502 shall be retained by the municipality,  
6 section 313(d) notwithstanding.

7 CHAPTER 6

8 REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 Section 601. Report to General Assembly.

10 Thirty months after the effective date of this act, the  
11 department shall report to the General Assembly the results of  
12 the inspections it has performed under this act together with a  
13 report on public compliance with this act. The report shall also  
14 document the amount of money that the department received  
15 pursuant to this act and the dispensation of these funds. In  
16 addition, within 24 months of the effective date of this act,  
17 the department shall obtain from every municipality electing to  
18 enforce the provisions of this act a report containing  
19 information similar to that required of the department under  
20 this section. The department shall include such findings in its  
21 report to the General Assembly.

22 Section 602. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect as follows:

24 (1) Chapter 2 shall take effect July 1, 1981 and shall  
25 remain in full force and effect for a period of one year  
26 after which time the provisions of Chapter 2 shall have no  
27 legal effect.

28 (2) Section 301 shall take effect January 1, 1981 and  
29 its provisions shall remain in full force and effect for a  
30 period of 18 months after which time said provisions shall

1 have no legal effect.

2 (3) Chapter 4 shall take effect July 1, 1982.

3 (4) All other provisions of this act shall take effect  
4 January 1, 1981.

5 Section 15. The Secretary of Labor and Industry shall  
6 transmit a notice for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin  
7 when the secretary is satisfied that all of the following have  
8 been enacted:

9 (1) The addition of sections 2, 3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.6(a),  
10 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)(1)(ii) and (iii) and (2), 4, 4.1,  
11 4.2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the act of April 27,  
12 1927 (P.L.465, No.299), referred to as the Fire and Panic  
13 Act.

14 (2) The reenactment of the act of May 2, 1929 (P.L.1518,  
15 No.452), referred to as the Elevator Regulation Law.

16 (3) The reenactment of the act of September 1, 1965  
17 (P.L.459, No.235), entitled, as amended, "An act requiring  
18 that certain buildings and facilities adhere to certain  
19 principles, standards and specifications to make the same  
20 accessible to and usable by persons with physical handicaps,  
21 and providing for enforcement."

22 (4) The reenactment of the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.919,  
23 No.170), entitled "An act providing for the approval or  
24 disapproval of applications for a permit relating to the  
25 construction or maintenance of improvements to real estate."

26 (5) The reenactment of the act of December 15, 1980  
27 (P.L.1203, No.222), known as the Building Energy Conservation  
28 Act.

29 (6) The reenactment of the act of December 17, 1990  
30 (P.L.742, No.185), entitled "An act providing for restrooms



1 in facilities where the public congregates; and requiring  
2 that restroom facilities be provided for women on an  
3 equitable basis."

4 (7) The reenactment of the act of December 19, 1990  
5 (P.L.1387, No.214), known as the Dry Cleaning Law.

6 (8) The repeal of the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491,  
7 No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act.

8 Section 16. This act shall take effect as follows:

9 (1) The following provisions shall take effect  
10 immediately:

11 (i) Section 15 of this act.

12 (ii) This section.

13 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect upon  
14 publication of the notice under section 15 of this act.