
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 952 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY RABB, OTTEN, STEELE, MADDEN AND SANCHEZ,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
APRIL 17, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), entitled
2 "An act establishing a uniform construction code; imposing
3 powers and duties on municipalities and the Department of
4 Labor and Industry; providing for enforcement; imposing
5 penalties; and making repeals," in Uniform Construction Code,
6 further providing for adoption by regulations.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 301(b) of the act of November 10, 1999
10 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code
11 Act, is amended and the section is amended by adding a
12 subsection to read:

13 Section 301. Adoption by regulations.

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15 (b) International Fuel Gas Code.--[The] Except as provided
16 under subsection (b.1), the department shall, within 180 days of
17 the effective date of this section, promulgate regulations
18 adopting the International Fuel Gas Code for the installation of
19 fuel gas piping systems, fuel gas utilization equipment and

1 related accessories as the standard for the installation of
2 piping, equipment and accessories in this Commonwealth.

3 (b.1) Zero-emission standards for space and water heaters.--

4 (1) The department shall, by June 30, 2026, promulgate
5 final regulations that develop zero-emission standards for
6 space and water heaters sold in this Commonwealth so that
7 beginning January 1, 2030, all new space and water heaters
8 for new construction and replacement of worn-out equipment in
9 existing buildings sold in this Commonwealth meet the zero-
10 emission standards.

11 (2) In the development of final regulations under this
12 subsection, the department may consult with the United States
13 Department of Energy. The department shall consult with
14 municipalities to encourage an increased adoption of zero-
15 emission technologies and consult with community-based
16 organizations and other entities to incorporate equitable
17 considerations for low-income and environmental justice
18 communities where feasible.

19 (3) The department may not mandate retrofits in existing
20 buildings. The department shall mandate that upon replacement
21 of an existing space or water heater, a retrofit may be
22 required to be able to use the new technology of the zero-
23 emission standards.

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25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.