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HOUSE BILL 25-1030

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House Committees

Transportation, Housing & Local Government

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN BUILDING CODES**
102 **HAVE ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS THAT ARE AT LEAST AS**
103 **STRINGENT AS INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Beginning January 1, 2026, the bill requires a local government that adopts or substantially amends a building code to ensure that the building code meets or exceeds the accessibility standards in international building codes.

The bill also requires the division of fire prevention and control

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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within the department of public safety to ensure that, when certain building codes pertaining to public school and health facilities are substantially amended, the codes meet or exceed accessibility standards in international building codes.

The bill requires the state housing board to ensure that, when the uniform construction and maintenance standards for hotels, motels, and multiple dwellings in jurisdictions with no local building code are substantially updated, the standards meet or exceed the accessibility standards in international building codes. The bill also requires the state housing board to ensure that, when the recommendations for uniform housing standards and building codes to the general assembly and local governments are substantially updated, the codes meet or exceed the accessibility standards in international building codes.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Accessibility in building design is a fundamental right that
5 fosters inclusivity and equal opportunity for all individuals, particularly
6 those with disabilities. In alignment with article 9 of the United Nations
7 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which emphasizes
8 the need for persons with disabilities to live independently and participate
9 fully in all aspects of life, Colorado recognizes the importance of creating
10 an accessible built environment.

11 (b) It is crucial that Colorado's building codes incorporate
12 "Americans with Disabilities Act" and "Architectural Barriers Act"
13 standards, which require that buildings and facilities be accessible to
14 persons with disabilities;

15 (c) Aligning local building codes with the internationally
16 recognized standards set forth by the International Building Code and
17 existing federal laws is crucial to ensure that all new constructions,
18 renovations, and alterations adhere to minimum accessibility

1 requirements;

2 (d) This House Bill 25-_____ requires local governments to
3 adopt or amend local building codes to meet or exceed these necessary
4 international building code accessibility standards:

5 (e) By identifying and eliminating obstacles to accessibility, the
6 general assembly can create a built environment that is welcoming and
7 accessible to everyone; and

8 (f) By prioritizing accessibility in Colorado building codes, state
9 and local governments can promote the participation of persons with
10 disabilities in all aspects of community life, thereby enhancing the quality
11 of life for all Colorado residents.

12 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that establishing
13 uniform accessibility standards in building codes is of mixed local and
14 statewide concern to ensure that all individuals may access the physical
15 environment, transportation, information, and communications on an
16 equal basis.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 30-28-204 as
18 follows:

19 **30-28-204. Amendment of building code.** (1) The board of
20 county commissioners from time to time by resolution may alter and
21 amend any county building code after public hearing, notice of which
22 hearing shall be given by at least one publication in a newspaper of
23 general circulation in the county at least fourteen days prior to said
24 hearing. In no case shall the area covered by the building code be
25 extended or changed unless the same has been proposed by or is first
26 submitted for the approval, disapproval, or suggestions of the county
27 planning commission. Unless the county planning commission acts within

1 thirty days, approval shall be assumed. The opinion of the county
2 planning commission shall be advisory only and not binding upon the
3 board of county commissioners.

4 (2) WHEN A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS OR
5 SUBSTANTIALLY AMENDS ANY COUNTY BUILDING CODE, THE BOARD SHALL
6 ENSURE THAT THE BUILDING CODE MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE ACCESSIBILITY
7 STANDARDS ADOPTED IN ONE OF THE TWO MOST RECENT VERSIONS OF THE
8 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, AS ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
9 CODE COUNCIL OR A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION.

10 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 31-15-604 as
11 follows:

12 **31-15-604. Building codes - minimum accessibility standards**
13 **required - international building codes.** WHEN A GOVERNING BODY OF
14 A MUNICIPALITY ADOPTS OR SUBSTANTIALLY AMENDS ANY MUNICIPAL
15 BUILDING CODE, THE GOVERNING BODY SHALL ENSURE THAT THE
16 BUILDING CODE MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS
17 ADOPTED IN ONE OF THE TWO MOST RECENT VERSIONS OF THE
18 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, AS ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
19 CODE COUNCIL OR A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION.

20 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-1203,
21 **amend** (1)(p) and (1)(p.5) as follows:

22 **24-33.5-1203. Duties of division.** (1) The division shall perform
23 the following duties:

24 (p) Conduct construction plan reviews and inspect public school
25 and local district college buildings and structures and enforce the codes
26 adopted in accordance with sections 22-32-124 (2), ~~and~~ 23-71-122 (1)(v),
27 ~~C.R.S., and sections~~ 24-33.5-1213, AND 24-33.5-1213.3. THE DIVISION

1 SHALL ENSURE THAT WHEN THE CODES ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
2 SECTIONS 22-32-124 (2), 23-71-122 (1)(v), 24-33.5-1213, AND
3 24-33.5-1213.3 ARE SUBSTANTIALLY AMENDED, THE CODES MEET OR
4 EXCEED THE ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS ADOPTED BY ONE OF THE TWO
5 MOST RECENT VERSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, AS
6 ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL OR A SUCCESSOR
7 ORGANIZATION.

8 (p.5) When there is no local building department or fire
9 department, or for facilities certified or potentially eligible for
10 certification by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services,
11 conduct construction plan reviews and inspections of health facility
12 buildings and structures, enforce the codes in accordance with sections
13 24-33.5-1212.5 and 24-33.5-1213, and issue certificates of compliance
14 for such buildings and structures. THE DIVISION SHALL ENSURE THAT
15 WHEN THE CODES ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS
16 24-33.5-1212.5 AND 24-33.5-1213 ARE SUBSTANTIALLY UPDATED, THE
17 CODES MEET OR EXCEED THE ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS ADOPTED BY ONE
18 OF THE TWO MOST RECENT VERSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING
19 CODE, AS ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL OR A
20 SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION.

21 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-707, **add** (1.5)
22 as follows:

23 **24-32-707. Powers of board.** (1.5) THE BOARD SHALL ENSURE
24 THAT WHEN THE STANDARDS AND CODES PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS
25 (1)(b) AND (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION ARE SUBSTANTIALLY UPDATED, THE
26 STANDARDS AND CODES MEET OR EXCEED THE ACCESSIBILITY
27 REQUIREMENTS IN ONE OF THE TWO MOST RECENT VERSIONS OF THE

1 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, AS ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
2 CODE COUNCIL OR A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION.

3 **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
4 takes effect January 1, 2026; except that, if a referendum petition is filed
5 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this
6 act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period
7 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,
8 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
9 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take
10 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
11 governor.