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An Act Requiring the State Building Code to be Revised to Incorporate Revisions to the National Electrical Code

AIA Connecticut, a chapter of the American Institute of Architects, is the professional organization for architects in the State of Connecticut, representing over 1,300 licensed architects in the State.

AIA Connecticut opposes adoption of this bill as presented, as it is not enabling language. Section 29-252 Subsection (a) of the Connecticut Statutes already states that, "Said Building Code includes any code, rule or regulation incorporated therein by reference." Thus, the State Codes and Standards Committee and State Building Inspector may adopt the updated National Electrical Code (NEC) at the most appropriate time for the State. The Codes and Standards Committee and the State Building Inspector regularly review newly issued codes and when the 2010 and 2011 amendments are explored, this issue will be considered.

However, on the principle of leaving any code change to the appropriate regulatory entities and processes and not establishing prescriptive code requirements in Statute, we oppose this bill.