



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DIVISION OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

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August 13, 2013

The Honorable George C. Jepsen
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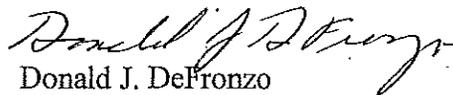
Re: 2013 Amendment to the 2005 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code

Dear Attorney General Jepsen:

Enclosed on behalf of the Office of the State Building Inspector, please find the proposed 2013 Amendment to the 2005 Connecticut State Building Code. The regulation draft is being submitted for your review for legal sufficiency in accordance with the provisions of section 4-169 of the Connecticut General Statutes. As of July 1, 2013, the Department of Construction Services has been consolidated into the Department of Administrative Services. I submit this regulation to you in an effort to complete the unfinished business of said Department of Construction Services pursuant to subsection (d) of section 4-38d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Attorney Jenna Padula at (860) 713-5868.

Yours very truly,


Donald J. DeFronzo
COMMISSIONER

cc: Office of the State Building Inspector

Sec. 29-252. (Formerly Sec. 19-395). State Building Code: Adoption, revision and amendments. State Building Inspector: Appointment; interpretations of code. Appeal. (a) The State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall, jointly, with the approval of the Commissioner of Construction Services, adopt and administer a State Building Code based on a nationally recognized model building code for the purpose of regulating the design, construction and use of buildings or structures to be erected and the alteration of buildings or structures already erected and make such amendments thereto as they, from time to time, deem necessary or desirable. Such amendments shall be limited to administrative matters, geotechnical and weather-related portions of said code, amendments to said code necessitated by a provision of the general statutes and any other matter which, based on substantial evidence, necessitates an amendment to said code. The code shall be revised not later than January 1, 2005, and thereafter as deemed necessary to incorporate any subsequent revisions to the code not later than eighteen months following the date of first publication of such subsequent revisions to the code. The purpose of said Building Code shall also include, but not be limited to, promoting and ensuring that such buildings and structures are designed and constructed in such a manner as to conserve energy and, wherever practicable, facilitate the use of renewable energy resources. Said Building Code includes any code, rule or regulation incorporated therein by reference. As used in this subsection, "geotechnical" means any geological condition, such as soil and subsurface soil conditions, which may affect the structural characteristics of a building or structure.

(b) The State Building Inspector shall be appointed by the Governor. He shall be an architect or professional engineer licensed by the state of Connecticut, shall have a thorough knowledge of building code administration and enforcement and shall have had not less than ten years practical experience in his profession.

(c) The State Building Inspector or his designee may issue official interpretations of the State Building Code, including interpretations of the applicability of any provision of the code, upon the request of any person. The State Building Inspector shall compile and index each interpretation and shall publish such interpretations at periodic intervals not exceeding four months.

(d) The State Building Inspector or his designee shall review a decision by a local building official or a board of appeals appointed pursuant to section 29-266 when he has reason to believe that such official or board has misconstrued or misinterpreted any provision of the State Building Code. If, upon review and

after consultation with such official or board, he determines that a provision of the code has been misconstrued or misinterpreted, he shall issue an interpretation of said code and may issue any order he deems appropriate. Any such determination or order shall be in writing and be sent to such local building official or board by registered mail, return receipt requested. Any person aggrieved by any determination or order by the State Building Inspector under this subsection may appeal to the Codes and Standards Committee within fourteen days after mailing of the decision or order. Any person aggrieved by any ruling of the Codes and Standards Committee may appeal in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of section 29-266.



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I, Donald J. DeFronzo, Commissioner of Administrative Services (and previous Acting Commissioner of the Department of Construction Services), an agency of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that:

The Department of Construction Services prepared a fiscal note, including an estimate of the cost or revenue impact on the state or any municipality of the state. A true copy of the fiscal note is attached.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald J. DeFronzo".

Donald J. DeFronzo
COMMISSIONER