

**HOUSE BILL NO. 437**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES HARRIS, Hayes**

**Introduced: 2/15/02**

**Referred: Labor and Commerce**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act adopting a version of the Uniform Mechanical Code for the state and providing**  
2 **for adoption of future versions of the code; and relating to the building code adopted by**  
3 **the state and to other safety codes."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 08.18.171(7) is amended to read:

6 (7) "mechanical contractor" means a contractor whose business  
7 operations involve plumbing, pipe fitting, sheet metal, heating, air conditioning,  
8 ventilating, or sprinkler and dry chemical fire protection trades in order to install or  
9 modify mechanical piping and systems, devices, fixtures, and equipment or other  
10 mechanical materials subject to the following codes as published by the International  
11 Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials [OR THE INTERNATIONAL  
12 CONFERENCE OF BUILDING OFFICIALS]:

13 (A) Uniform Plumbing Code;

14 (B) Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa, and Hot Tub Code;

1 (C) Uniform Solar Energy Code; and

2 (D) Uniform Mechanical Code;

3 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.40.490(3) is amended to read:

4 (3) "mechanical administrator" means a person who is responsible for

5 (A) installing or modifying mechanical piping and systems,  
6 devices, fixtures, equipment, or other mechanical materials subject to the  
7 Uniform Plumbing Code, Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa, and Hot Tub Code,  
8 Uniform Solar Energy Code, and the Uniform Mechanical Code as published  
9 by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials [AND  
10 THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BUILDING OFFICIALS]; or

11 (B) certifying that an installation or modification described in  
12 (A) of this paragraph complies with the applicable codes;

13 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 18.56.300(e)(3) is amended to read:

14 (3) "state building code" means

15 (A) for building standards, the standards set out in the **building**  
16 **code** [VERSION OF THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE] adopted by the  
17 Department of Public Safety under AS 18.70.080, including the provisions of  
18 that code applicable to buildings used for residential purposes containing fewer  
19 than four dwelling units, notwithstanding the exclusion of those buildings from  
20 the Department of Public Safety's jurisdiction made by AS 18.70.080(a)(2);

21 (B) for mechanical standards, the standards set out in the  
22 version of the Uniform Mechanical Code adopted [BY THE DEPARTMENT  
23 OF PUBLIC SAFETY] under AS 18.70.080, including the provisions of that  
24 code applicable to buildings used for residential purposes containing fewer  
25 than four dwelling units, notwithstanding the exclusion of those buildings from  
26 the Department of Public Safety's jurisdiction made by AS 18.70.080(a)(2);

27 (C) for plumbing standards, the minimum plumbing code  
28 adopted for the state under AS 18.60.705; and

29 (D) for electrical standards, the minimum electrical standards  
30 prescribed by AS 18.60.580.

31 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 18.70.080(a) is amended to read:

1           (a) **Subject to (c) of this section, the** [THE] Department of Public Safety  
 2 shall adopt regulations for the purpose of protecting life and property from fire and  
 3 explosion by establishing minimum standards for

4                   (1) fire detection and suppression equipment;

5                   (2) fire and life safety criteria in commercial, industrial, business,  
 6 institutional, or other public buildings, and buildings used for residential purposes  
 7 containing four or more dwelling units;

8                   (3) any activity in which combustible or explosive materials are stored  
 9 or handled in commercial quantities;

10                  (4) conditions or activities carried on outside a building described in  
 11 (2) or (3) of this **subsection** [SECTION] likely to cause injury to persons or property.

12 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 18.70.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13           (c) The 2000 edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code published by the  
 14 International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials is adopted for use in  
 15 the state. As a subsequent version of the Uniform Mechanical Code is published from  
 16 time to time, the Department of Public Safety shall adopt a subsequent version of the  
 17 Uniform Mechanical Code published by the International Association of Plumbing  
 18 and Mechanical Officials when the Department of Public Safety determines that the  
 19 subsequent version meets the state's needs better than the preceding adopted version.