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Committee: Urban Affairs

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to building codes; to amend section 58-701,
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 72-805, Revised
3 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide on exception to the
4 requirement that buildings constructed with state funds comply with
5 the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code; to prohibit the
6 Department of Economic Development from requiring certain projects
7 receiving funding from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund comply with
8 the International Energy Conservation Code as prescribed; to
9 harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
10 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 58-701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 58-701 Sections 58-701 to 58-711 and section 2 of this act shall be
4 known and may be cited as the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act.

5 **Sec. 2.** The Department of Economic Development shall not require
6 any new construction project or rental conversion project which receives
7 funding from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to meet the requirements
8 of section 72-805 related to complying with the International Energy
9 Conservation Code and obtaining approval of building plans and
10 specifications by the Department of Environment and Energy.

11 **Sec. 3.** Section 72-805, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
12 2024, is amended to read:

13 72-805 Except as provided in section 2 of this act for certain
14 projects funded by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the ~~The~~ 2018
15 International Energy Conservation Code, published by the International
16 Code Council, applies to all new buildings constructed in whole or in
17 part with state funds after July 1, 2020. The Department of Environment
18 and Energy shall review building plans and specifications necessary to
19 determine whether a building will meet the requirements of this section.
20 The department shall provide a copy of its review to the agency receiving
21 funding. The agency receiving the funding shall verify that the building
22 as constructed meets or exceeds the code. The verification shall be
23 provided to the department. The Director of Environment and Energy may,
24 in consultation with the State Building Administrator of the Department
25 of Administrative Services, adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
26 carry out this section.

27 **Sec. 4.** Original section 58-701, Reissue Revised Statutes of
28 Nebraska, and section 72-805, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
29 2024, are repealed.