

# HB4994



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

**HB4994**

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 3125/55

Amends the Energy Efficient Building Act. Provides that municipalities and counties (instead of municipalities only) may adopt the Illinois Stretch Energy Code.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Energy Efficient Building Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 55 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3125/55)

7 Sec. 55. Illinois Stretch Energy Code.

8 (a) The Board, in consultation with the Agency, shall  
9 create and adopt the Illinois Stretch Energy Code, to allow  
10 municipalities, counties, and projects authorized or funded by  
11 the Board to achieve more energy efficiency in buildings than  
12 the Illinois Energy Conservation Code through a consistent  
13 pathway across the State. The Illinois Stretch Energy Code  
14 shall be available for adoption by any municipality or county  
15 and shall set minimum energy efficiency requirements, taking  
16 the place of the Illinois Energy Conservation Code within any  
17 municipality or county that adopts the Illinois Stretch Energy  
18 Code.

19 (b) The Illinois Stretch Energy Code shall have separate  
20 components for commercial and residential buildings, which may  
21 be adopted by the municipality or county jointly or  
22 separately.

23 (c) The Illinois Stretch Energy Code shall apply to all

1 projects to which an energy conservation code is applicable  
2 that are authorized or funded in any part by the Board after  
3 July 1, 2024.

4 (d) Development of the Illinois Stretch Energy Code shall  
5 be completed and available for adoption by municipalities or  
6 counties by June 30, 2024.

7 (e) Consistent with the requirements under paragraph (2.5)  
8 of subsection (g) of Section 8-103B of the Public Utilities  
9 Act and under paragraph (2) of subsection (j) of Section 8-104  
10 of the Public Utilities Act, municipalities and counties may  
11 adopt the Illinois Stretch Energy Code and may use utility  
12 programs to support compliance with the Illinois Stretch  
13 Energy Code. The amount of savings from such utility efforts  
14 that may be counted toward achievement of their annual savings  
15 goals shall be based on reasonable estimates of the increase  
16 in savings resulting from the utility efforts, relative to  
17 reasonable approximations of what would have occurred absent  
18 the utility involvement.

19 (f) The Illinois Stretch Energy Code's residential  
20 components shall:

21 (1) apply to residential buildings as defined under  
22 Section 10;

23 (2) set performance targets using a site energy index  
24 with reductions relative to the 2006 International Energy  
25 Conservation Code; and

26 (3) include stretch energy codes with site energy

1 index standards and adoption dates as follows: by no later  
2 than June 30, 2024, the Board shall create and adopt a  
3 stretch energy code with a site energy index no greater  
4 than 0.50 of the 2006 International Energy Conservation  
5 Code; by no later than December 31, 2026, the Board shall  
6 create and adopt a stretch energy code with a site energy  
7 index no greater than 0.40 of the 2006 International  
8 Energy Conservation Code, unless the Board identifies  
9 unanticipated burdens associated with the stretch energy  
10 code adopted in 2023 or 2024, in which case the Board may  
11 adopt a stretch energy code with a site energy index no  
12 greater than 0.42 of the 2006 International Energy  
13 Conservation Code, provided that the more relaxed standard  
14 has a site energy index that is at least 0.05 more  
15 restrictive than the 2024 International Energy  
16 Conservation Code; by no later than December 31, 2029, the  
17 Board shall create and adopt a stretch energy code with a  
18 site energy index no greater than 0.33 of the 2006  
19 International Energy Conservation Code, unless the Board  
20 identifies unanticipated burdens associated with the  
21 stretch energy code adopted in 2025, in which case the  
22 Board may adopt a stretch energy code with a site energy  
23 index no greater than 0.35 of the 2006 International  
24 Energy Conservation Code, but only if that more relaxed  
25 standard has a site energy index that is at least 0.05 more  
26 restrictive than the 2027 International Energy

1 Conservation Code; and by no later than December 31, 2032,  
2 the Board shall create and adopt a stretch energy code  
3 with a site energy index no greater than 0.25 of the 2006  
4 International Energy Conservation Code.

5 (g) The Illinois Stretch Energy Code's commercial  
6 components shall:

7 (1) apply to commercial buildings as defined under  
8 Section 10;

9 (2) set performance targets using a site energy index  
10 with reductions relative to the 2006 International Energy  
11 Conservation Code; and

12 (3) include stretch energy codes with site energy  
13 index standards and adoption dates as follows: by no later  
14 than June 30, 2024, the Board shall create and adopt a  
15 stretch energy code with a site energy index no greater  
16 than 0.60 of the 2006 International Energy Conservation  
17 Code; by no later than December 31, 2026, the Board shall  
18 create and adopt a stretch energy code with a site energy  
19 index no greater than 0.50 of the 2006 International  
20 Energy Conservation Code; by no later than December 31,  
21 2029, the Board shall create and adopt a stretch energy  
22 code with a site energy index no greater than 0.44 of the  
23 2006 International Energy Conservation Code; and by no  
24 later than December 31, 2032, the Board shall create and  
25 adopt a stretch energy code with a site energy index no  
26 greater than 0.39 of the 2006 International Energy

1 Conservation Code.

2 (h) The process for the creation of the Illinois Stretch  
3 Energy Code includes:

4 (1) within 60 days after the effective date of this  
5 amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly, the Capital  
6 Development Board shall meet with the Illinois Energy Code  
7 Advisory Council to advise and provide technical  
8 assistance and recommendations to the Capital Development  
9 Board for the Illinois Stretch Energy Code, which shall:

10 (A) advise the Capital Development Board on  
11 creation of interim performance targets, code  
12 requirements, and an implementation plan for the  
13 Illinois Stretch Energy Code;

14 (B) recommend amendments to proposed rules issued  
15 by the Capital Development Board;

16 (C) recommend complementary programs or policies;

17 (D) complete recommendations and development for  
18 the Illinois Stretch Energy Code elements and  
19 requirements by December 31, 2023;

20 (2) As part of its deliberations, the Illinois Energy  
21 Code Advisory Council shall actively solicit input from  
22 other energy code stakeholders and interested parties.

23 (Source: P.A. 103-4, eff. 5-31-23; 104-315, eff. 1-1-26.)