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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the establishment of a committee to examine  
2 alternatives and develop an implementation plan regarding  
3 adoption of an integrated state fire code.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. STATE FIRE CODE -- ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
2 ESTABLISHED.

3 1. The division of fire protection in the department of  
4 public safety shall establish a state fire code advisory  
5 committee. The state fire marshal shall serve as chairperson  
6 of the committee. Members shall include a representative of  
7 each of the following, appointed by the respective entity or  
8 that entity's successor, or, in the case of members appointed  
9 pursuant to paragraphs "b" through "e", appointed by the state  
10 fire marshal:

- 11 a. The state fire service and emergency response council.
- 12 b. State and local building inspectors.
- 13 c. A licensed engineer.
- 14 d. A licensed architect.
- 15 e. The homebuilding industry.
- 16 f. The Iowa association of professional fire chiefs.
- 17 g. The department of inspections and appeals.
- 18 h. The state fire marshal association.

19 The chairperson may designate additional entities for  
20 inclusion on the committee.

21 2. Members shall serve staggered terms of two years.  
22 Appointments of members of the committee shall comply with  
23 sections 69.16 and 69.16A. Vacancies shall be filled by the  
24 original appointing authority and in the manner of the  
25 original appointment.

26 3. Members shall receive actual expenses incurred while  
27 serving in their official capacity and may also be eligible to  
28 receive compensation as provided in section 7E.6. A majority  
29 of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

30 4. The advisory committee shall review existing fire  
31 safety and building codes, identify instances where codes have  
32 become out-of-date or where conflicts exist between various  
33 codes, consider the advantages to be gained from an integrated  
34 fire and building code, and make recommendations for the  
35 implementation of an integrated state fire code. The

1 committee shall submit a report of its recommendations to the  
2 members of the general assembly by January 1, 2007.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill provides for the formation of an advisory  
5 committee to examine alternatives and develop an  
6 implementation plan regarding adoption of an integrated state  
7 fire code.

8 The bill provides that the committee shall be established  
9 by the division of fire protection in the department of public  
10 safety, with the state fire marshal serving as chairperson.

11 The bill provides that members shall include representatives  
12 from the state and local building inspectors, licensed  
13 engineers and architects, the homebuilding industry, the Iowa  
14 association of professional fire chiefs, the state fire  
15 service and emergency response council, the department of  
16 inspections and appeals, the state fire marshal association,  
17 and additional entities as designated by the chairperson.

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19 fire safety and building codes, identify instances where codes  
20 have become out-of-date or where conflicts exist between  
21 various codes, consider the advantages to be gained from an  
22 integrated fire and building code, and make recommendations  
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