

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law specifies the Standard Mechanical Code and the Uniform Mechanical Code as the codes authorized for contractor licensing. C.S.H.B. 196 replaces the Standard Mechanical Code with the International Mechanical Code in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law. The bill replaces the Standard Mechanical Code with the International Mechanical Code in the list of guidelines that contractors must comply with and the commissioner of licensing and regulation must follow when adopting rules for the practice of air conditioning and refrigeration contracting.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2(10), Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law (Article 8861, V.T.C.S.), to redefine “mechanical integrity.”

SECTION 2. Amends Section 3(a), Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor License Law (Article 8861, V.T.C.S.), as follows:

- (a) Requires the standards prescribed by rule to be at least as strict as the standards set forth in the Uniform Mechanical Code published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials and the International Mechanical Code published by the International Code Council.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.