



2013 SENATE BILL 72

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 101.62; and *to create* 101.62 (4) and 101.63 (10) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** reports by the Dwelling Code Council on the one- and two-family
3 dwelling code.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Dwelling Code Council (council) must review the standards and rules for the uniform dwelling code, which applies to the construction of one- and two-family dwellings (dwellings) and makes recommendations to the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) regarding these rules. This bill requires the council prepare a report containing these reviews and recommendations once every six years and requires that the first report be completed no later than one year after this bill becomes law. The bill also requires DSPS to assist the council in preparing the report.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 101.62 of the statutes is amended to read:
5 101.62 **(1)** The dwelling code council shall review the standards and rules for
6 one- and two-family dwelling construction and recommend a uniform dwelling code

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1 for adoption by the department which shall include rules providing for the
2 conservation of energy in the construction and maintenance of dwellings and for
3 costs of specific code provisions to home buyers to be related to the benefits derived
4 from such provisions.

5 **(2)** The dwelling code council shall study the need for and availability of
6 ~~one-family~~ one- and 2-family dwellings that are accessible to persons with
7 disabilities, as defined in s. 106.50 (1m) (g), and shall make recommendations to the
8 department for any changes to the uniform dwelling code that may be needed to
9 ensure an adequate supply of ~~one-family~~ one- and 2-family dwellings. ~~Upon its own~~
10 ~~initiative or at the request of the department, the~~

11 **(3)** The dwelling code council shall consider and make recommendations to the
12 department pertaining to rules and any other matters related to this subchapter.
13 The dwelling code council shall recommend variances for different climate and soil
14 conditions throughout the state.

15 **SECTION 2.** 101.62 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

16 101.62 (4) The dwelling code council shall prepare a report that consists of the
17 review required under sub. (1) and the recommendations required under sub. (3)
18 once every 6 years. The council shall complete the first report no later than 365 days
19 after the effective date of this subsection [LRB inserts date].

20 **SECTION 3.** 101.63 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

21 101.63 (10) Assist the dwelling code council in preparing the report as required
22 under s. 101.62 (4).

23 (END)