
FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION

Interpretation by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission

Title: Interpretation of 675 IAC 12-4-12(j)

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Purpose: The purpose of this nonrule policy document is to clarify the application of the exemption from the requirements of the Indiana Energy Conservation Code, 675 IAC 19, contained in 675 IAC 12-4-12(j). Subsection (j) provides as follows:

"(j) Alterations of buildings built prior to January 21, 1978 (the effective date of the first state rule for energy conservation) need not conform with the new construction standards of 675 IAC 19."

Interpretation: The Commission has determined that 675 IAC 12-4-12(j) is applicable regardless of whether the building or other Class 1 structure has undergone one or more changes of occupancy since its construction prior to January 21, 1978. The Commission also interprets 675 IAC 12-4-12(j) to apply to **all** work done in the course of any alternation [*sic*] work done, regardless of the scope of the alteration work performed. For purposes of this interpretation, any remodeling work is deemed to be an alteration. The exemption contained in 675 IAC 12-4-12(j) does **not** apply to any **addition** to a building or other Class 1 structure.

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