



**Proposed Code Change**  
State Form 41186R

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Code Title <b>International Residential Code</b>		Edition 2009
Section number and title <u>R301.5 Table Min. Uniformly Dist Live Loads</u>		Page 48
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PROPOSED CODE CHANGE (Check One)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Add to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete and substitute as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete without substitution		
Change Habitable attics & attics served w/ fixed stairs, and sleeping rooms to 40 psf or 60 psf.		
REASON AND FISCAL IMPACT		
Reason: The emergence of home offices in attic renovation. Libraries require design loads of 100 psf, and reading rooms require 60 psf. A reading room is probably a good comparison since home offices usually have very heavy items such as bookshelves and file cabinets, but not as much as a library, usually.		
Fiscal impact: Minimal cost since most other floor joists require 40 psf design loading anyway. Less handling/sorting & storage issue. Huge savings to small, emerging buisnesses and homewoners in the prevention of floor failures.		
REVIEW RECOMMENDATION		
Approve		
Disapprove		
Approve as amended		
Further Study		