

## SENATE BILL No. 26

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 22-13-5; IC 22-15-2-6; IC 36-7-2-9.

**Synopsis:** Interpretive powers of state building commissioner. Gives the office of the state building commissioner the power to issue written interpretations of building laws. Requires a written interpretation by the office of the state building commissioner to be treated as a building law until it is amended or repealed. Requires units of local government to comply with the office of the state building commissioner's written interpretations.

**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 22-13-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 1999]:

4 **Chapter 5. Power of State Building Commissioner to Interpret**  
5 **Building Laws**

6 **Sec. 1. The office of the state building commissioner may issue**  
7 **a written interpretation of a building law. An interpretation issued**  
8 **by the office of the state building commissioner must be consistent**  
9 **with building laws enacted by the general assembly or adopted by**  
10 **the commission.**

11 **Sec. 2. A written interpretation issued by the office of the state**  
12 **building commissioner under section 1 of this chapter shall be**  
13 **treated as a building law until it is amended or repealed by the**  
14 **commission, the general assembly, or the office of the state building**  
15 **commissioner.**

16 **Sec. 3. When issuing a written interpretation under section 1**  
17 **of this chapter, the office of the state building commissioner is not**



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**required to comply with IC 4-22-2.**

SECTION 2. IC 22-15-2-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 6. To carry out the office's responsibilities, the state building commissioner or an employee or another agent of the office may:

- (1) exercise any program of supervision that is approved by the commission, if the responsibility involves the administration or enforcement of a building law;
- (2) enter and inspect any property, at a reasonable hour;
- (3) issue and enforce administrative orders under IC 22-12-7 and apply for judicial orders under IC 22-12-7-13; ~~and~~
- (4) cooperate with law enforcement officers and political subdivisions that have jurisdiction over a matter; **and**

**(5) issue a written interpretation of any building law under IC 22-13-5.**

SECTION 3. IC 36-7-2-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 9. Each unit shall require compliance with:

- (1) the code of building laws that is adopted in the rules of the fire prevention and building safety commission under IC 22-13;
- (2) orders issued under IC 22-13-2-11 that grant a variance to the code of building laws described in subdivision (1);
- (3) orders issued under IC 22-12-7 that apply the code of building laws described in subdivision (1); ~~and~~
- (4) IC 22-15-3-7; **and**

**(5) written interpretations of building laws issued by the office of the state building commissioner under IC 22-13-5.**

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