
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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