

Legislative Analysis



EXEMPT CERTAIN SPORTS FACILITIES FROM HEATING REQUIREMENTS

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Senate Bill 294 (S-2) as passed by the Senate
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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 294 would amend the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act (the Michigan Construction Code) to provide that certain spaces for K-12 schools be exempt from any heating requirements in the act or the State Construction Code provided for in section 4 of the act. Those spaces would be:

- An interior space intended for human occupancy that is constructed for use as a viewing area at an outdoor sporting activity or event, including a press box.
- A building or structure that is incidental to an outdoor sporting activity or event, including a ticket booth or concession stand.

Additionally, the bill would provide that an “accessible route,” as defined in the code, would not be required for a press box in the bleachers or a freestanding press box, as long as the total area of all press boxes for each playing field was not more than 500 square feet.

Proposed MCL 125.1513h

BACKGROUND:

The Michigan Construction Code consists of the International Building Code (IBC) and several other international and national codes relating to the building trades, including the International Mechanical Code. Michigan’s Construction Code authorizes the director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to adopt all or any part of the international and national building codes or the standards contained within the codes by reference. The International Building Code was updated in 2015, with the provisions taking effect in Michigan on April 20, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state, but local units of government could realize reduced costs to the extent that they are exempt from heating requirements required in the Stille-DeRossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act.

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