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**BUILDING STANDARDS BULLETIN 10-02**

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TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
SUBJECT: 2010 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

This bulletin summarizes the legislative changes for 2010 to the California Building Standards Law, located in the California Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.5, and other specific provisions of law. The amendments, repeals, or additions to the California laws summarized in this bulletin become effective on January 1, 2011, unless otherwise specified in the legislation.

[Chapter 622, Statutes of 2010 \(Senate Bill No. 518, Lowenthal\)](#) adds Section 18941.8 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to building standards.

- Health and Safety Code Section 18941.8 is added to require that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), as part of the next triennial edition of the California Building Standards Code adopted after January 1, 2011, to adopt building standards for the construction, installation, and alteration of graywater systems for indoor and outdoor uses in nonresidential occupancies, in accordance with prescribed requirements.

This legislation also amends the Water Code Section 14877.1 to terminate the Department of Water Resources' authority to adopt graywater standards for non-residential occupancies upon adoption of graywater standards by the CBSC

[Chapter 145, Statutes of 2010 \(Assembly Bill No. 1693, Ma\)](#) amends Sections 18929.1, 18934.8, and 18942 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to building standards.

- Health and Safety Code Section 18929.1 is amended to modify the existing annual (12-month) building standards code adoption cycle to an 18-month code adoption cycle.
- Health and Safety Code Section 18934.8 is amended for consistency to reflect that emergency amendments made to model codes in an expedited rulemaking process would occur outside of an 18-month code adoption cycle rather than an annual code adoption cycle.

- Health and Safety Code Section 18942 is amended to require the California Building Standards Commission to publish supplements in the intervening period between triennial publications, rather than each intervening year.

[Chapter 246, Statutes of 2010 \(Assembly Bill No. 2001, Harkey\)](#) adds Section 18949.7 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to building standards.

- Health and Safety Code Section 18949.7 is added to transfer any responsibilities of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to adopt regulations related to building standards to the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC). The adoption of regulations by the CBSC on-behalf of the CDPH requires the concurrence of CDPH.

[Chapter 610, Statutes of 2010 \(Assembly Bill No. 2762, Committee on Housing and Community Development\)](#) Housing and Community Development: Housing omnibus bill amends Sections 18902, 18921, 18926, 18931, 18934.7, 18941.7, 18949.4, and adds Section 18931.8 to the Health and Safety Code, and amends, adds and repeals numerous other provisions of law.

- Health and Safety Code Sections 18902, 18921, 18931, 18934.7, 18941.7, and 18949.4 are amended to make technical amendments to update both references and outdated terminology in California Building Standards Law.
- Health and Safety Code Section 18926 is amended to remove the Department of Industrial Relations' from membership on the California Building Standards Commission's Coordinating Council; and changes the designation from State Director of Health Services to the State Director of Public Health.
- Health and Safety Code Section 18931.8 is added to authorize the CBSC to accept federal funds, gifts, donations, grants, bequests, or other funding to carryout the duties imposed upon it by California Building Standards Law.

This summary of legislative changes is not represented to be a complete digest of all new laws affecting persons regulated by the California Building Standards Law. The complete text of each law can be reviewed through the Official California Legislative information website at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov> .

For question regarding these changes in law, you may contact the California Building Standards Commission at (916) 263-0916 or via e-mail at <mailto:cbsc@dgs.ca.gov> .