

**BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AMENDMENTS**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires the reporting of recommendations regarding mass timber products for building construction.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines "mass timber products";
- ▶ requires the Uniform Building Code Commission to recommend building standards for the use of mass timber products;
- ▶ provides a repeal date; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**15A-1-203**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 14

ENACTS:

**63I-2-215**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **15A-1-203** is amended to read:

30           **15A-1-203. Uniform Building Code Commission -- Unified Code Analysis**

31 **Council.**

32           (1) There is created a Uniform Building Code Commission to advise the division with  
33 respect to the division's responsibilities in administering the codes.

34           (2) The commission shall consist of 11 members as follows:

35           (a) one member shall be from among candidates nominated by the Utah League of  
36 Cities and Towns and the Utah Association of Counties;

37           (b) one member shall be a licensed building inspector employed by a political  
38 subdivision of the state;

39           (c) one member shall be a licensed professional engineer;

40           (d) one member shall be a licensed architect;

41           (e) one member shall be a fire official;

42           (f) three members shall be contractors licensed by the state, of which one shall be a  
43 general contractor, one an electrical contractor, and one a plumbing contractor;

44           (g) two members shall be from the general public and have no affiliation with the  
45 construction industry or real estate development industry; and

46           (h) one member shall be from the Division of Facilities Construction Management of  
47 the Department of Administrative Services.

48           (3) (a) The executive director shall appoint each commission member after submitting  
49 a nomination to the governor for confirmation or rejection.

50           (b) If the governor rejects a nominee, the executive director shall submit an alternative  
51 nominee until the governor confirms the nomination. An appointment is effective after the  
52 governor confirms the nomination.

53           (4) (a) Except as required by Subsection (4)(b), as terms of commission members  
54 expire, the executive director shall appoint each new commission member or reappointed  
55 commission member to a four-year term.

56           (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (4)(a), the executive director shall,  
57 at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms

58 of commission members are staggered so that approximately half of the commission is  
59 appointed every two years.

60 (5) When a vacancy occurs in the commission membership for any reason, the  
61 executive director shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired term.

62 (6) (a) A commission member may not serve more than two full terms.

63 (b) A commission member who ceases to serve may not again serve on the commission  
64 until after the expiration of two years [~~from the date of cessation of service~~] after the day on  
65 which service ceased.

66 (7) A majority of the commission members constitute a quorum and may act on behalf  
67 of the commission.

68 (8) A commission member may not receive compensation or benefits for the  
69 commission member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance  
70 with:

71 (a) Section 63A-3-106;

72 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and

73 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and  
74 63A-3-107.

75 (9) (a) The commission shall annually designate one of [~~its~~] the commission's members  
76 to serve as chair of the commission.

77 (b) The division shall provide a secretary to facilitate the function of the commission  
78 and to record the commission's actions and recommendations.

79 (10) The commission shall:

80 (a) in accordance with Section 15A-1-204, report to the Business and Labor Interim  
81 Committee;

82 (b) offer an opinion regarding the interpretation of or the application of a code if a  
83 person submits a request for an opinion;

84 (c) act as an appeals board as provided in Section 15A-1-207;

85 (d) establish advisory peer committees on either a standing or ad hoc basis to advise

86 the commission with respect to matters related to a code, including a committee to advise the  
87 commission regarding health matters related to a plumbing code; and

88 (e) assist the division in overseeing code-related training in accordance with Section  
89 [15A-1-209](#).

90 (11) A person requesting an opinion under Subsection (10)(b) shall submit a formal  
91 request clearly stating:

92 (a) the facts in question;

93 (b) the specific citation at issue in a code; and

94 (c) the position taken by the persons involved in the facts in question.

95 (12) (a) In a manner consistent with Subsection (10)(d), the commission shall jointly  
96 create with the Utah Fire Prevention Board an advisory peer committee known as the "Unified  
97 Code Analysis Council" to review fire prevention and construction code issues that require  
98 definitive and specific analysis.

99 (b) The commission and Utah Fire Prevention Board shall jointly, by rule made in  
100 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, provide for:

101 (i) the appointment of members to the Unified Code Analysis Council; and

102 (ii) procedures followed by the Unified Code Analysis Council.

103 (13) (a) As used in this Subsection (13), "mass timber products" means a type of  
104 building component or system that uses large panelized wood construction, including:

105 (i) cross laminated timber;

106 (ii) nail laminated timber;

107 (iii) glue laminated timber;

108 (iv) laminated strand timber;

109 (v) dowel laminated timber;

110 (vi) laminated veneer lumber;

111 (vii) structural composite lumber; and

112 (viii) wood concrete composites.

113 (b) On or before October 1, 2019, the commission shall prepare and submit, in

114 accordance with Section 68-3-14, a written report to the Business and Labor Interim  
115 Committee recommending building standards for the use of mass timber products for  
116 residential and commercial building construction.

117 (c) In making the recommendations described in Subsection (13)(b), the commission  
118 shall consider applicable national and international standards.

119 Section 2. Section **63I-2-215** is enacted to read:

120 **63I-2-215. Repeal dates -- Title 15A.**

121 Subsection 15A-1-203(13), which addresses mass timber products, is repealed  
122 December 31, 2019.