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H.B. No. 871

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the residential and commercial building codes of municipalities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 214.212(a) and (d), Local Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) To protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the International Residential Code, as it existed on May 1, 2021 [~~2012~~], is adopted as a municipal residential building code in this state.

(d) A municipality may review and consider amendments made by the International Code Council to the International Residential Code after May 1, 2021 [~~2012~~].

SECTION 2. Sections 214.216(a) and (d), Local Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) To protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the International Building Code, as it existed on May 1, 2021 [~~2012~~], is adopted as a municipal commercial building code in this state.

(d) A municipality may review and consider amendments made by the International Code Council to the International Building Code after May 1, 2021 [~~2012~~].

SECTION 3. (a) Sections 214.212 and 214.216, Local Government Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to residential or commercial construction, remodeling, alteration, enlargement,

1 or repair that begins under an agreement made on or after January 1,  
2 2026, or that begins, in the absence of an agreement, on or after  
3 that date. Residential or commercial construction, remodeling,  
4 alteration, enlargement, or repair that begins under an agreement  
5 made before January 1, 2026, or that begins, in the absence of an  
6 agreement, before that date is governed by the law in effect when  
7 the agreement was made or the activity began, as appropriate, and  
8 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

9 (b) Not later than December 1, 2025, municipalities shall  
10 establish rules and take other necessary actions to implement  
11 Sections [214.212](#) and [214.216](#), Local Government Code, as amended by  
12 this Act.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.