

1-1 By: Geren (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 3215
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2021;
 1-3 May 6, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-4 & Commerce; May 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to energy efficiency building standards.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Sections 388.003(i), (j), and (k), Health and
 1-22 Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:
 1-23 (i) A building certified by a national, state, or local
 1-24 accredited energy efficiency program and determined by the
 1-25 laboratory to be in compliance with the energy efficiency
 1-26 requirements of this section may, at the option of the
 1-27 municipality, be considered in compliance. The United States
 1-28 Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Program
 1-29 certification of energy code equivalency shall be considered in
 1-30 compliance. A home energy rating system index utilizing Standard
 1-31 301 of the American National Standard for the Calculation and
 1-32 Labeling of the Energy Performance of Dwelling and Sleeping Units
 1-33 using an Energy Rating Index, commonly cited as ANSI/RESNET/ICC
 1-34 301, as it existed on January 1, 2021, [~~The Energy Rating Index~~
 1-35 ~~Compliance Alternative or subsequent alternative compliance path~~]
 1-36 as described by Subsection (j) shall be considered in compliance
 1-37 provided that:
 1-38 (1) the building meets the mandatory requirements of
 1-39 Section R406.2 of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code;
 1-40 and
 1-41 (2) the building thermal envelope is equal to or
 1-42 greater than the levels of efficiency and solar heat gain
 1-43 coefficient in Table R402.1.2 or Table R402.1.4 of the 2018
 1-44 International Energy Conservation Code.
 1-45 (j) For the purposes of this chapter, Standard 301 of the
 1-46 American National Standard for the Calculation and Labeling of the
 1-47 Energy Performance of Dwelling and Sleeping Units using an Energy
 1-48 Rating Index, commonly cited as ANSI/RESNET/ICC 301, as it existed
 1-49 on January 1, 2021, [~~the Energy Rating Index Compliance Alternative~~
 1-50 ~~or subsequent alternative compliance path~~] used to measure
 1-51 compliance for single-family residential construction [~~in an~~
 1-52 ~~optional compliance path of the energy efficiency chapter of the~~
 1-53 ~~International Residential Code~~] that uses an energy rating index is
 1-54 as follows:
 1-55 (1) for climate zone 2, an energy rating index of:
 1-56 (A) [~~65 or lower from September 1, 2016, to~~
 1-57 ~~August 31, 2019,~~
 1-58 [~~(B)~~] 63 or lower from September 1, 2019, to
 1-59 August 31, 2022; [~~and~~
 1-60 (B) [~~(C)~~] 59 or lower on or after September 1,
 1-61 2022;

2-1 (C) 57 or lower on or after September 1, 2025; and
 2-2 (D) 55 or lower on or after September 1, 2028;
 2-3 (2) for climate zone 3, an energy rating index of:
 2-4 (A) ~~[65 or lower from September 1, 2016, to~~
 2-5 ~~August 31, 2019;~~
 2-6 ~~[(B)] 63 or lower from September 1, 2019, to~~
 2-7 August 31, 2022; ~~[and]~~
 2-8 (B) ~~[(C)] 59 or lower on or after September 1,~~
 2-9 2022; ~~[and]~~
 2-10 (C) 57 or lower on or after September 1, 2025; and
 2-11 (D) 55 or lower on or after September 1, 2028; and
 2-12 (3) for climate zone 4, an energy rating index of:
 2-13 (A) ~~[69 or lower from September 1, 2016, to~~
 2-14 ~~August 31, 2019;~~
 2-15 ~~[(B)] 67 or lower from September 1, 2019, to~~
 2-16 August 31, 2022; ~~[and]~~
 2-17 (B) ~~[(C)] 63 or lower on or after September 1,~~
 2-18 2022;
 2-19 (C) 61 or lower on or after September 1, 2025; and
 2-20 (D) 59 or lower on or after September 1, 2028.
 2-21 (k) This subsection and Subsection (j) expire September 1,
 2-22 2031 ~~[2025]~~.
 2-23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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