

**MAG Related Bills – Building Codes Committee**

**BILL SUMMARY**  
 (48<sup>th</sup> Legislature – 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session)  
 Updated April 16, 2008

| Issue                      | Bill Number | Sponsor                      | Description  | Status  | Rec. Position |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--|---|---------------|
| <b>BUILDING CODES</b>      |             |                              |  |   |               |
| Solar Construction Permits | HB 2615     | Reps. Mason, Ableser, Reagan | Counties and municipalities are required to adopt a set of prescribed standards for issuing permits for the use of certain solar energy devices. Also an 18-member (six are legislators) Local Government Solar Equipment Permit Process Improvement Study Committee is established to study best practices regarding permitting and removal of barriers to the permitting process. A report with recommendations is due to the Legislature and governor by Dec. 31, 2009. | House 1 <sup>st</sup> Read:<br>2/13/08<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: 2/14/08<br><u>Committees:</u><br>CMMA: DPA/SE<br>3/04/08<br>Rules: C&P<br>3/11/08<br>COW: DPA<br>3/13/08<br><br>Senate 1 <sup>st</sup> Read:<br>3/24/08<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: 3/25/08<br><u>Committees:</u><br>Gov: DPA<br>4/07/08<br>Rules: 3/24/08 | Monitor       |

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| <p>Omnibus Energy Act of 2008</p>         | <p>HB 2766</p> | <p>Rep. Mason; 16 others</p> | <p>Establishes energy efficiency goals for residential and commercial construction, schools and state buildings. The bill also addresses renewable energy goals for public utilities, engine idling, biofuels and other motor fuel emissions.</p>  | <p>House 1<sup>st</sup> Read:<br/>2/13/08<br/>2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 2/14/08<br/><u>Committees:</u><br/>WA: DPA<br/>2/21/08<br/>Env: W/D 3/12/08<br/>Rules: 2/13/08<br/>COW: DPA<br/>3/24/08<br/><br/>Senate 1<sup>st</sup> Read:<br/>3/31/08<br/>2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 4/01/08<br/><u>Committees:</u><br/>NRR: DPA<br/>4/09/08<br/>Rules: 3/31/08</p> | <p>Monitor</p> |
| <p>Architect Specialist Certification</p> | <p>SB 1345</p> | <p>Sen. Gray C</p>           | <p>A specialist certification for architects is created for architects who meet qualifications as established by the Board of Technical Registration. Plans submitted to a public entity by a certified architectural specialist are to be approved without a formal review process.</p> | <p>Senate 1<sup>st</sup> Read:<br/>2/04/08<br/>2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 2/05/08<br/><u>Committees:</u><br/>CED: 2/04/08<br/>Rules: 2/04/08</p>  | <p>Monitor</p> |