



SB 30 - An Act creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy

Sign by the Governor March 25, 2021

Changes to the BBRS and the new DOER municipal opt-in specialized Stretch Energy Code

Specific Changes to the BBRS

Bill section number	Summary
64	Increases membership of BBRS from 11 to 15
65	Adds Commissioner DOER, or designee, to BBRS
66	Increases the number of appointees by Governor on BBRS from 9 to 12
67	Adds the following new gubernatorial appointees: expert in commercial building energy efficiency, expert in residential building energy efficiency, and expert in advanced building technology
68	Limits time served on the BBRS to 10 years
69	Limits time as chair or vice chair of BBRS to no more than 4 years in either position
70	Requires BBRS to publish meeting minutes within 30 day of meeting
71	Provides that Commissioner of Division of Professional Licensure consult with Commissioner of Department of Energy Resources in supervising the activities and staff of the BBRS
72	Pertaining to base IECC requirements: Requires BBRS and DOER to consult when considering more stringent energy-efficiency provisions.
73	Requires the BBRS to incorporate the specialized stretch energy code developed and promulgated by



DOER into the state building code. **See Section 31 below

- 74 Requires the BBRS to send any amendments to the state building code to each inspector of buildings and to the secretary of housing and economic development within 45 days of filing with the Secretary of State.
- 74A Allows interpretations, orders, requirements, directions, or failures to act related to the administration of the specialized stretch energy code to be appealed to the BBRS appeals board. (promulgated by DOER per Section 31)

Changes to Department of Energy Resources

- 31 Requires DOER to develop and promulgate, in consultation with the BBRS, a municipal opt-in specialized stretch energy code that includes, but is not limited to, net-zero building performance standards and a definition of net-zero building, designed to achieve compliance with the commonwealth's statewide greenhouse gas emission limits and sublimits established pursuant to chapter 21N.
- 98A Notwithstanding the promulgation of DOER's new municipal opt-in specialized stretch energy code, the current BBRS promulgated stretch energy code in effect on March 1, 2021 shall remain in full force and effect; provided, however, that DOER, in consultation with the BBRS, may update such stretch energy code from time to time. A community already designated as a Green Community that elects not to adopt the municipal opt-in specialized stretch energy code shall not lose its designation as a Green Community as a result of that election.
- 101 In developing the specialized stretch energy code, requires DOER to hold at least 5 public hearings, with at least 1 in an underserved community or community with a high percentage of low income households. Requires new municipal opt-in specialized stretch energy code to be developed and promulgated within 18 months of effective date of the act.