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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No.: 420

Department or Agency: Alabama State Committee of Public Health Alabama Department of Public Health

Rule No.: 420-5-22-.03

Rule Title: Codes And Standards

Intended Action: Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NA

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer: Sancha O. Howard

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REC'D & FILED

Date: Monday, October 19, 2026

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ALABAMA STATE COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Public Health

RULE NO. & TITLE: 420-5-22-.03 Codes And Standards

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:
Update Guidelines for design and construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities from the 2014 edition to the 2026 edition.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:
A public hearing will be held at the Alabama Department of Public Health, the RSA Tower, 201 Monroe Street, Suite 1540 Montgomery, AL 36104 on November 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. Public comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2026, at the contact information below.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Friday, December 4, 2026

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:
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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

420-5-22-.03 Codes And Standards.

The following codes and standards are hereby adopted by the State ~~Board~~Committee of Public Health, and are applicable to all health care facility projects submitted to the Department of Public Health for review.

(1) *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities*, 20~~14~~26 Edition. This standard is adopted only for the following Alabama Administrative Code chapters:

(a) Chapter ~~520-5-2~~420-5-2, "Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Facilities"

(b) Chapter 420-5-7, "Hospitals"

(c) Chapter 420-5-9, "Freestanding Emergency Departments"

(2) *International Building Code*, 2015 Edition, as indicated below:

(a) Owners and designers of projects are responsible for complying with the requirements of the entire building code.

(b) Technical Reviews performed by the Department of Public Health will generally focus on the requirements of building code chapters 2 through 7, 9, 10, 11, 28 through 31, and 35.

(c) Where references to "*ICC Electrical Code*" occur, substitute the appropriate standards or requirements of the NFPA 70 National Electrical Code, as adopted by the State ~~Board~~Committee of Public Health.

(d) Where references to "*International Fire Code*" occur, substitute the appropriate standards or requirements of the NFPA, as adopted by the State ~~Board~~Committee of Public Health.

(3) NFPA 101: *Life Safety Code*, 2012 Edition, except Chapter 5.

(4) 2012 NFPA *National Fire Codes*, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) NFPA 10: *Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers*, 2010 Edition.

(b) NFPA 13: *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*, 2010 Edition.

(c) NFPA 13D: *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes*, 2010 Edition.

(d) NFPA 13R: *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Residential Occupancies up to and Including Four Stories in Height*, 2010 Edition.

(e) NFPA 14: *Standard for the Installation of Standpipe, Private Hydrant*, and Hose Systems, 2010 Edition.

(f) NFPA 17A: *Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems*, 2009 Edition.

(g) NFPA 20: *Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection*, 2010 Edition.

(h) NFPA 24: *Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances*, 2010 Edition.

(i) NFPA 25: *Standard for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*, 2011 Edition.

(j) NFPA 55: *Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code*, 2010 Edition.

(k) NFPA 70: *National Electrical Code*, 2011 Edition.

(l) NFPA 72: *National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code*, 2010 Edition.

(m) NFPA 90A: *Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems*, 2012 Edition.

(n) NFPA 90B: *Standard for the Installation of Warm Air Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems*, 2012 Edition.

(o) NFPA 96: *Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations*, 2011 Edition.

(p) NFPA 99: *Health Care Facilities Code*, 2012 Edition.

(q) NFPA 110: *Standard for Emergency and Standby Power Systems*, 2010 Edition.

(r) NFPA 220: *Standard on Types of Building Construction*, 2012 Edition.

(s) NFPA 221: *Standard for High Challenge Fire Walls, Fire Walls*, and Fire Barrier Walls, 2012 Edition.

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