

Model Legislation Adopting High Efficiency Plumbing Standards

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF {insert state}:

Purpose: A bill to create highly-efficient plumbing systems in existing and new buildings.

Section 1. Highly water efficient buildings and construction in {INSERT State}.

A. DEFINITIONS.

- 1) **HIGH EFFICIENCY PLUMBING STANDARD** – The term “high efficiency plumbing standard” means the most current edition of the Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code Supplement developed by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), which provides a comprehensive set of technically sound provisions that encourages sustainable practices, water conservation and enhances the design and construction of plumbing and mechanical systems; and
- 2) **WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARD** – The term “water efficiency standard” means the most recent version of a fully consensus plumbing code designated as an American National Standard by the American National Standards Institute, which achieves the highest level of water efficiency and conservation practicable consistent with construction budgets.

- B. STANDARDS.** The State shall adopt and publish a water efficiency standard relative to the design, construction, installation, improvement, extension, and alteration of materials, piping, venting, fixtures, appliances, and appurtenances in relation to plumbing and plumbing systems. All plumbing and plumbing systems shall be designed, constructed, installed, improved, extended, and altered in substantial accord with the requirements of the most recent version of a high efficiency plumbing standard, and such amendments or revision adopted by the state construction board to protect the health, life, safety, and welfare of persons and property in this state.