

# Model Legislation Adopting Up-To-Date Plumbing Code

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ :**

**Purpose:** A bill to increase water conservation in plumbing systems in existing and new buildings.

**Section 1.** Water efficiency building and construction in {INSERT State}.

A. **DEFINITIONS.** — In this section:

- 1) **ANSI-DESIGNATED PLUMBING CODE** – The term “ANSI-designated plumbing code” means the Uniform Plumbing Code, produced by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), a comprehensive plumbing code that is developed through a consensus process that is open, transparent, fair and recognized as the American National Standard for plumbing by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).
- 2) **WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARD** – The term “water efficiency standard” means a plumbing code that achieves the highest level of water efficiency and conservation practicable consistent with construction budgets.

B. 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 an ANSI-accredited plumbing code, 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.