

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1143

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO BUILDING CODE ACT; AMENDING CHAPTER 41, TITLE 39, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 39-4117, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE THE PUBLISHING OF BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, TIMELY REVIEW, AND A PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 41, Title 39, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 39-4117, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

39-4117. PUBLISHING OF BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS -- TIMELY REVIEW -- PUBLIC HEARINGS. (1) A local government that requires building permits shall publish a document that describes in detail the requirements of its building permit process. The local government shall make the document available to the public on its website and in physical form upon request.

(2) An applicant for a building permit shall make a good faith effort to ensure that an application for a building permit is complete and contains all of the necessary documentation required by a local government pursuant to the document required in subsection (1) of this section. In the event that an applicant submits an incomplete application, the local government shall, within ten (10) business days, inform the applicant of any missing information needed to complete the application.

(3) Upon receipt of a complete application for a building permit, a local government shall have ten (10) business days to review the application to verify that the requirements of subsection (2) of this section have been met, as well as to verify that all necessary legal descriptions are correct. No later than the conclusion of the ten (10) business day review period, the local government shall publish a notice of determination on the completeness of the application.

(4) An applicant and a local government may agree in writing to a later review deadline than required pursuant to this section. Prior to any such agreement, a local government shall provide written notice to an applicant explaining why it is unable to meet the ten (10) business day review deadline pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.

(5) Once the local government has determined the application to be complete, and the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section have been met, the local government's relevant final reviewing department or agency that will give final approval or denial of the application, such as the local government's building permit board, shall schedule a public hearing within forty-five (45) business days from when the application is deemed complete, when necessary.

1       SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
2 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
3 July 1, 2025.