

Summary of Regulation
Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations
13 VAC 5-91

The Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR) are regulations governing the in-factory construction of industrialized buildings, which are also known as modular buildings. The regulations provide the same standards for construction as those buildings constructed on-site and regulated by the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (13 VAC 5-63) (the “USBC”). Both regulations utilize nationally recognized model building codes and standards to provide the technical requirements for the actual construction of the regulated buildings. The model codes are produced by the International Code Council and every three years new editions of the model codes become available.

Changes in the proposed regulation may be categorized into two groups. The first are changes necessary to incorporate the newest editions of the nationally recognized model codes and standards into the regulations. These changes are located in § 13 VAC 5-91-160. The newest editions of the model codes are the 2006 editions.

The second group of changes are general clarifications and correlation changes. These changes are simply to more closely match legislative language and to coordinate the application of the regulations with the USBC and with the Virginia Manufactured Home Safety Regulations (13 VAC 5-95). This group of changes may be found in §§ 13 VAC 5-91-20 – 13 VAC 5-91-100 and in § 13 VAC 5-91-270.

Since all the regulations are interrelated and must be coordinated, the board will consider code change proposals on all provisions of this regulation during the comment period after the proposed regulations are published.