NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE BUILDING CODE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT FORM

Proposed amendment submitted by:

Name: Ari B. Pollack Esq., On Behalf of Applicant  Date: 1/4/2019

Company/Organization: NH Home Builders Association

Address: 214 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301

Telephone: (603) 228-1181  E-mail: pollack@gcglaw.com

Proposed code language:

N1102.1 General (Prescriptive). The building thermal envelope shall meet the requirements of Section N1102.1.1 through N1102.1.4.

Exception: The following low energy buildings, or portions thereof, separated from the remainder of the building by building thermal envelope assemblies complying with this section shall be exempt from the building thermal envelope provisions of Section N1102.

1. Those with a peak design rate of energy usage less than 3.4 Btu/h ft² (10.7 W/m²) or 1.0 watt/ft² of floor area for space conditioning purposes.

2. Those that do not contain conditioned space.

Reason/Justification:

Clarifies that areas that may contain a space heater are not to be included as spaces to meet the requirements of the building thermal envelope. Some jurisdictions are interpreting this code as written to mean garages and work shops with space heaters and intended for occasional use must meet all of the thermal envelope requirements.
Financial Analysis/Fiscal Impact of proposed amendment:

If left unamended, this code would add considerable expense to anyone wanting to add a space heater to a utility space. In the case of an uninsulated 24'x24' garage, the cost would be $1,675 to insulate 4 walls and the ceiling. The cost would be higher if windows and doors needed to be replaced. If the garage has overhead doors, they would not be able to pass a blower door test.

For Building Code Review Board Use:

Not approved: _____  Approved: ✓  Approved with modifications: _____

Scheduled Hearing Date: ________________

Chair's Signature: ______________________

Printed Name: Shawn C. Begum Sr

Exhibit #: ________________

Date: 1-11-2019