

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to electronic filing of construction  
 3           plans; amending s. 468.604, F.S.; providing a  
 4           legislative finding; providing for certain documents  
 5           to be electronically signed and sealed by the licensee  
 6           and electronically transmitted to a building code  
 7           administrator or building official for approval;  
 8           providing an effective date.

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 10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 468.604,  
 13   Florida Statutes, to read:

14           468.604 Responsibilities of building code administrators,  
 15   plans examiners, and inspectors.—

16           (4) The Legislature finds that the electronic filing of  
 17   construction plans will increase governmental efficiency, reduce  
 18   costs, and increase timeliness of processing permits. If the  
 19   building code administrator or building official provides for  
 20   electronic filing, then construction plans, drawings,  
 21   specifications, reports, final documents, or documents prepared  
 22   or issued by a licensee may be dated and electronically signed  
 23   and sealed by the licensee in accordance with ss. 668.001-  
 24   668.006, and transmitted electronically to the building code  
 25   administrator or building official for approval.

26           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.