

Amendment No. a4

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	—	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	—	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	—	(Y/N)
OTHER	—	

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Regulatory Affairs  
2 Committee

3 Representative Eagle offered the following:

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5 **Amendment to Amendment (490625) by Representative Eagle**  
6 **(with title amendment)**

7 Remove lines 1138-1161 of the amendment and insert:

8 Section 23. Section 553.908, Florida Statutes, is amended  
9 to read:

10 553.908 Inspection.—Before construction or renovation is  
11 completed, the local enforcement agency shall inspect buildings  
12 for compliance with the standards of this part. Notwithstanding  
13 any other provision of the code or law, effective July 1, 2017,  
14 section R402.4.1.2 of the Florida Building Code, 5th Edition  
15 (2014) Energy Conservation, which became effective on June 30,  
16 2015, shall increase the building's or dwelling unit's maximum  
17 tested air leakage measure from "not exceeding 5 air changes per

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18 hour" to "not exceeding 7 air changes per hour" in Climate Zones  
19 1 and 2. The mandatory blower door testing for residential  
20 buildings or dwelling units as contained in section R402.1.2 of  
21 the Florida Building Code, 5th Edition (2014) Energy  
22 Conservation, shall not take effect until July 1, 2017 and shall  
23 not apply to construction permitted before July 1, 2017.  
24 Additionally, section M401.2 of the Florida Building Code, 5th  
25 Edition (2014) Mechanical, which became effective on June 30,  
26 2015, shall decrease the air filtration rate in a dwelling unit  
27 from "less than 5" to "less than 3" air changes per hour when  
28 tested with a blower door at a pressure of 0.2-inch water column  
29 (50 Pascals) in accordance with Section R402.4.1.2 of the  
30 Florida Building Code, 5th Edition (2014) Energy Conservation.

31 Section 24. Subsection (3) of section 553.993, Florida  
32 Statutes, is amended to read:

33 553.993 Definitions.—For purposes of this part:

34 (3) "Building energy-efficiency rating system" means a  
35 whole building energy evaluation system that provides a reliable  
36 and scientifically based analysis of a building's energy  
37 consumption or energy features and allows a comparison to  
38 similar building types in similar climate zones where  
39 applicable. Specifically, the rating system shall use standard  
40 calculations, formulas, and scoring methods; be applicable  
41 nationally; compare a building to a clearly defined and  
42 researched baseline or benchmark; require qualified  
43 professionals to conduct the rating or assessment; and provide a

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44 labeling and recognition program with specific criteria or  
45 levels. Residential program benchmarks for new construction must  
46 be consistent with national building standards. Residential  
47 building program benchmarks for existing construction must be  
48 consistent with national home energy rating standards. The  
49 building energy-efficiency rating system shall require at least  
50 one level of oversight performed by an organized and balanced  
51 group of professionals with subject matter expertise in energy  
52 efficiency, energy rating, and evaluation methods established by  
53 the Residential Energy Services Network, the Commercial Energy  
54 Services Network, the Building Performance Institute, or the  
55 Florida Solar Energy Center.

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58 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

59 Remove lines 120-124 of the amendment and insert:  
60 providing for the amendment of portions of the Florida  
61 Building Code, Energy Conservation, related to certain  
62 buildings and dwelling units after a specified date;  
63 delaying the effective date of certain portions of the  
64 Florida Building Code, Energy Conservation, related to  
65 blower door testing; providing for the amendment of  
66 portions of the Florida Building Code, Mechanical,  
67 related to air filtration rates for dwelling units  
68 after a specified date; amending s. 553.993, F.S. ;  
69 revising the definition of the term "building energy-

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70 | efficiency rating system" to require that oversight is  
71 | performed using evaluation materials from certain  
72 | identified entities; amending s. 633.202,