

Committee on Commerce and Tourism

CS/CS/CS/SB 1068 — Drone Delivery Services

by Rules Committee; Community Affairs Committee; Commerce and Tourism Committee; and Senators Collins and Boyd

The bill prohibits political subdivisions from withholding the issuance of a business tax receipt, development permit, or other use approval to a drone delivery service and from enacting or enforcing an ordinance or resolution prohibiting a drone delivery service's operation based on the location of the delivery service's drone port. However, the bill does allow a political subdivision to enforce generally applicable minimum setback and landscaping regulations.

The bill exempts drone ports from the Florida Building Code, except for any stairwells. The bill also exempts drone ports from certain provisions concerning fire protection systems of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, including the national codes and the Life Safety Code incorporated by reference.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 110-0