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11 Senators Geller and Gutman moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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On page 5, between lines 11 and 12,

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insert:

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Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 400.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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400.23 Rules; criteria; Nursing Home Advisory Committee; evaluation and rating system; fee for review of plans.--

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(2) Pursuant to the intention of the Legislature, the agency, in consultation with the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and the Department of Elderly Affairs, shall adopt and enforce rules to implement this part, which shall include reasonable and fair criteria in relation to:

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(a) The location and construction of the facility; including fire and life safety, plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilation, and other housing conditions which will ensure the health, safety, and comfort of residents, including an adequate call system. The agency shall establish standards

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1 for facilities and equipment to increase the extent to which  
2 new facilities and a new wing or floor added to an existing  
3 facility after July 1, 1999,are structurally capable of  
4 serving as shelters only for residents, staff, and families of  
5 residents and staff,and equipped to be self-supporting during  
6 and immediately following disasters. The Agency for Health  
7 Care Administration shall work with facilities licensed under  
8 this part and report to the Governor and Legislature by April  
9 1, 1999, its recommendations for cost-effective renovation  
10 standards to be applied to existing facilities.In making such  
11 rules, the agency shall be guided by criteria recommended by  
12 nationally recognized reputable professional groups and  
13 associations with knowledge of such subject matters. The  
14 agency shall update or revise such criteria as the need  
15 arises. All nursing homes must comply with those lifesafety  
16 code requirements and building code standards applicable at  
17 the time of approval of their construction plans. The agency  
18 may require alterations to a building if it determines that an  
19 existing condition constitutes a distinct hazard to life,  
20 health, or safety. The agency shall adopt fair and reasonable  
21 rules setting forth conditions under which existing facilities  
22 undergoing additions, alterations, conversions, renovations,  
23 or repairs shall be required to comply with the most recent  
24 updated or revised standards.

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26 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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29 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 On page 1, line 27, after the first semicolon

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1 insert:

2           amending s. 400.23, F.S.; amending rulemaking  
3           powers of the Agency for Health Care  
4           Administration relating to structural standards  
5           for nursing homes; requiring a report to the  
6           Governor and Legislature;

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