

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to construction permitting and  
3           inspection; creating the Building Construction  
4           Permitting and Inspection Task Force; providing  
5           responsibilities; providing for appointment of  
6           members; providing for meetings and staffing by  
7           the Florida Building Commission; providing for  
8           recommendations and a report by a date certain;  
9           providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The Building Construction Permitting and  
Inspection Task Force is hereby created to recommend a  
procedure by which the public could elect to engage an  
engineer or architect to perform plans review and inspection  
for the construction, alteration, repair, or improvement of  
real property, and the appropriate role of the local building  
official in such an alternative plans review and inspection  
procedure and in the resulting issuance of a building permit  
and certificate of occupancy.

(1) The task force shall be composed of 11 members,  
appointed as follows:

(a) The Building Officials Association of Florida  
shall appoint four members;

(b) The Associated General Contractors of Florida  
shall appoint one member;

(c) The Florida Home Builders Association shall  
appoint one member;

(d) The Florida Engineering Society shall appoint one  
member;

1       (e) The Florida Association of the American Institute  
2 of Architects shall appoint one member;

3       (f) The Florida Building Commission shall appoint two  
4 members, one member to be a building official or inspector,  
5 and one to be a contractor, architect, or engineer.

6       (g) The Florida Insurance Council shall appoint one  
7 member.

8       (2) The task force shall meet at least four times  
9 prior to January 1, 2002. Members may participate in any  
10 meeting via telephone conference. Members shall serve on a  
11 voluntary basis, without compensation and without  
12 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses.

13       (3) The task force shall examine the various processes  
14 used by local building officials throughout the state in  
15 conducting plans review for the construction, alteration,  
16 repair, or improvement of real property, and approving  
17 building permit applications, as well as those processes used  
18 by local building officials in conducting required inspections  
19 for construction, alteration, repair, or improvement of real  
20 property, and issuing certificates of occupancy. The task  
21 force shall make recommendations on the following:

22       (a) A procedure by which the public could elect to  
23 engage an engineer or architect to perform plans review and  
24 inspection for the construction, alteration, repair, or  
25 improvement of real property; and

26       (b) The appropriate role of the local building  
27 official in such an alternative plans review and inspection  
28 procedure and in the resulting issuance of a building permit  
29 and certificate of occupancy.

30       (4) The task force shall submit to the Governor, the  
31 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of

1 the Senate, by January 1, 2002, a report presenting the task  
2 force's recommendations and findings.

3 (5) The Florida Building Commission shall provide  
4 logistical and staff support for the task force.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming  
6 law.

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