

By Representative Benson

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Building
3 Commission; requiring the commission to develop
4 building code provisions to facilitate the
5 rehabilitation and use of existing structures;
6 requiring the commission to identify
7 legislative changes required to implement such
8 code provisions; requiring a report to the
9 Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) The Legislature directs the Florida Building Commission to develop building code provisions that may be added to the Florida Building Code to facilitate the rehabilitation and use of existing structures. The commission shall select from available national or international model codes or the codes or code provisions adopted by another state to form the foundation for the code provisions required by this section.

(2) The commission shall seek consensus with fire safety professionals, advocates for persons with disabilities, representatives of the construction industry, land-use planners, building officials, and others identified by the commission as having an interest in building code provisions. The commission may modify the selected model codes and standards as needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state.

(3) In conjunction with its code development activities, the commission shall identify legislative changes

1 required to implement the code provisions developed pursuant
2 to subsections (1) and (2).

3 (4) The commission shall report the activities
4 undertaken in response to the requirements of this act to the
5 Legislature on or before January 1, 2003, as a part of the
6 annual report required by s. 553.77(1)(b), Florida Statutes.
7 Recommended code provisions and the legislative changes
8 required for implementation shall be attached as appendices to
9 the annual report.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
11 law.

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13 HOUSE SUMMARY

14 Requires the Florida Building Commission to develop
15 building code provisions to facilitate the rehabilitation
16 and use of existing structures. Requires the commission
17 to identify legislative changes required to implement
18 such code provisions. Requires a report to the
19 Legislature.