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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to firesafety; amending s. 553.895, F.S.;  
 3           revising dates by which certain structures are required to  
 4           be equipped with certain automatic sprinkler systems;  
 5           providing an effective date.

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

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 9           Section 1. Section 553.895, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 10 to read:

11           553.895 Firesafety.--

12           (1) Any transient public lodging establishment, as defined  
 13 in chapter 509 and used primarily for transient occupancy as  
 14 defined in s. 83.43(10), or any timeshare unit of a timeshare  
 15 plan as defined in chapters 718 and 721, which is of three  
 16 stories or more and for which the construction contract has been  
 17 let after September 30, 2003 ~~1983~~, with interior corridors which  
 18 do not have direct access from the guest area to exterior means  
 19 of egress and on buildings over 75 feet in height that have  
 20 direct access from the guest area to exterior means of egress  
 21 and for which the construction contract has been let after  
 22 September 30, 2003 ~~1983~~, shall be equipped with an automatic  
 23 sprinkler system installed in compliance with the provisions  
 24 prescribed in the National Fire Protection Association  
 25 publication NFPA No. 13 (1985), "Standards for the Installation  
 26 of Sprinkler Systems." Each guest room and each timeshare unit  
 27 shall be equipped with an approved listed single-station smoke  
 28 detector meeting the minimum requirements of NFPA 74 (1984)  
 29 "Standards for the Installation, Maintenance and Use of  
 30 Household Fire Warning Equipment," powered from the building



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31 electrical service, notwithstanding the number of stories in the  
 32 structure, if the contract for construction is let after  
 33 September 30, 1983. Single-station smoke detectors shall not be  
 34 required when guest rooms or timeshare units contain smoke  
 35 detectors connected to a central alarm system which also alarms  
 36 locally.

37 (2) Except for single-family and two-family dwellings, any  
 38 building which is of three stories or more and for which the  
 39 construction contract is let after January 1, 2004 ~~1994~~,  
 40 regardless of occupancy classification and including any  
 41 building which is subject to s. 509.215, shall be equipped with  
 42 an automatic sprinkler system installed in compliance with the  
 43 provisions of chapter 633 and the rules and codes adopted  
 44 pursuant thereto. A stand-alone parking garage constructed with  
 45 noncombustible materials, the design of which is such that all  
 46 levels of the garage are uniformly open to the atmosphere on all  
 47 sides with percentages of openings as prescribed in the  
 48 applicable building code, and which parking garage is separated  
 49 from other structures by at least 20 feet, is exempt from the  
 50 requirements of this subsection. Telecommunications spaces  
 51 located within telecommunications buildings, if the spaces are  
 52 equipped to meet an equivalent fire prevention standard approved  
 53 by both the Florida Building Commission and the State Fire  
 54 Marshal, are exempt from the requirements of this subsection. In  
 55 a building less than 75 feet in height which is protected  
 56 throughout with an approved and maintained fire sprinkler  
 57 system, a manual wet standpipe, as defined in the National Fire  
 58 Protection Association Standard 14, Standard for the  
 59 Installation of Standpipe, Private Hydrant, and Hose Systems,  
 60 shall be allowed.



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