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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to construction practices; providing
 3 legislative findings and intent; requiring the Florida
 4 Building Commission to review construction practices and
 5 building inspections in this state and to make
 6 recommendations for the improvement of those practices and
 7 inspections; providing procedures for the review;
 8 requiring the commission to report to the Governor and
 9 legislative leaders; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Florida Building Commission review of
 14 construction practices and inspections.--

15 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.--The Legislature
 16 finds that due to the rapidly increasing rate of construction
 17 which has occurred in the first few years of the 21st century,
 18 the possibility exists for an increase in the prevalence of
 19 construction flaws and for a decrease in the quality of building
 20 and home inspections. The intent of the Legislature is that the
 21 review initiated under this act will produce findings that will
 22 increase the quality of construction and optimize the
 23 effectiveness of building and home inspections, while providing
 24 protection for builders, inspectors, and consumers.

25 (2) REVIEW PROCEDURES.--Beginning July 1, 2004, the
 26 Florida Building Commission shall conduct a review of current
 27 construction practices in this state for the purpose of
 28 formulating recommendations concerning how to improve the
 29 quality of construction in the state and how to maximize the

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30 effectiveness of the building inspections and home inspections
31 associated with such construction. The commission shall conduct
32 or contract for research that supports this purpose and shall
33 conduct hearings and any other activities that the commission
34 considers essential in fulfilling this purpose.

35 (3) REPORT.--By January 15, 2005, the Florida Building
36 Commission shall write a report of its findings under this
37 section and shall submit copies of the report to the Governor,
38 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
39 Representatives. The report must include any recommendations for
40 proposed legislation that the commission considers appropriate
41 and necessary.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.