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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Local Government & Veterans' Affairs recommends  
2 the following:

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4 **Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to construction practices; providing  
8 legislative findings and intent; requiring the Florida  
9 Building Commission to review construction practices and  
10 building inspections in this state and to make  
11 recommendations for the improvement of those practices and  
12 inspections; providing procedures for the review;  
13 requiring the commission to report to the Governor and  
14 legislative leaders; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Florida Building Commission review of  
19 construction practices and inspections.--

20 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.--The Legislature  
21 finds that due to the rapidly increasing rate of construction  
22 which has occurred in the first few years of the 21st century,  
23 the possibility exists for an increase in the prevalence of

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24 construction flaws and for a decrease in the quality of building  
25 and home inspections. The intent of the Legislature is that the  
26 review initiated under this act will produce findings that will  
27 increase the quality of construction and optimize the  
28 effectiveness of home inspections, while promoting the safety,  
29 accountability, and affordability of construction in this state.

30 (2) REVIEW PROCEDURES.--Beginning July 1, 2004, the  
31 Florida Building Commission shall conduct a review of current  
32 construction practices in this state for the purpose of  
33 formulating recommendations concerning how to improve the  
34 quality of construction in the state and how to maximize the  
35 effectiveness of the building inspections and home inspections  
36 associated with such construction. The commission shall conduct  
37 or contract for research that supports this purpose and shall  
38 conduct hearings and any other activities that the commission  
39 considers essential in fulfilling this purpose.

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

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