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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Insurance recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to fire hydrants; requiring owners of
7 private fire hydrants to test hydrants in accordance with
8 national standards and to contract with licensed
9 professionals or local fire control authorities to inspect
10 and service such hydrants; authorizing local fire
11 officials to contract with owners of private fire hydrants
12 to maintain such hydrants; providing for imposition of
13 fines for noncompliance; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. (1) A person who owns a private fire hydrant
18 must ensure that the hydrant is tested in accordance with the
19 provisions of National Fire Protection Association Standard 24,
20 Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and
21 Their Appurtenances, and that it is inspected and maintained in
22 compliance with the provisions of National Fire Protection
23 Association Standard 25, Standard for the Inspection, Testing,

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24 and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems, the
25 edition currently adopted by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to
26 its code adoption and standards adoption authority in chapter
27 633, Florida Statutes. A person who owns a private fire hydrant
28 must produce, upon request of the fire official, a valid and
29 continuing maintenance contract with a plumbing contractor
30 licensed under chapter 489, Florida Statutes, an underground
31 utility contractor licensed under chapter 489, Florida Statutes,
32 or, if the private hydrant is part of a fire suppression system,
33 a fire protection contractor licensed under chapter 633, Florida
34 Statutes.

35 (2) The fire department having jurisdiction over the
36 subject property may enter into a contract with the owner to
37 maintain the fire hydrant as required by the code, if the
38 contract does not violate any other federal law or state or
39 local codes, statutes, or ordinances.

40 (3) A person who violates this section commits a
41 noncriminal violation, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100
42 for a first offense or \$250 for each subsequent offense.

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