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The Committee on Community Affairs (Haridopolos) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 109 of chapter 2000-141, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 109. The Legislature has reviewed the Florida Building Code that was adopted by action of the Florida Building Commission on February 15, 2000, and that was noticed for rule adoption by reference in Rule 9B-3.047, F.A.C., on February 18, 2000, in the Florida Administrative Weekly on page 731. The Florida Building Commission is directed to continue the process to adopt the code, pursuant to section 120.54(3), Florida Statutes, and to incorporate the following provisions or standards for the State of Florida:

(3) For areas of the state not within the high velocity hurricane zone, the commission shall adopt, pursuant to s. 553.73, Florida Statutes, the most current edition of

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1 ~~the~~ wind protection requirements of the American Society of
 2 Civil Engineers, Standard 7, ~~1998 edition~~ as implemented by
 3 the International Building Code, ~~2000 edition, and as modified~~
 4 ~~by the commission in its February 15, 2000, adoption of the~~
 5 ~~Florida Building Code for rule adoption by reference in Rule~~
 6 ~~9B-3.047, Florida Administrative Code.~~ However, from the
 7 eastern border of Franklin County to the Florida-Alabama line,
 8 only land within 1 mile of the coast shall be subject to the
 9 windborne-debris requirements adopted by the commission. The
 10 exact location of wind speed lines shall be established by
 11 local ordinance, using recognized physical landmarks such as
 12 major roads, canals, rivers, and lake shores, wherever
 13 possible. Buildings constructed in the windborne debris region
 14 must be either designed for internal pressures that may result
 15 inside a building when a window or door is broken or a hole is
 16 created in its walls or roof by large debris, or be designed
 17 with protected openings. Except in the high velocity hurricane
 18 zone, local governments may not prohibit the option of
 19 designing buildings to resist internal pressures.

20 Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
 21 act, the option for designing for internal pressure for
 22 buildings within the windborne debris region shall be repealed
 23 immediately upon adoption of standards and conditions within
 24 the International Building Code or International Residential
 25 Code prohibiting such design option. The Florida Building
 26 Commission shall initiate rulemaking to incorporate such
 27 standards and conditions prohibiting designing for internal
 28 pressure for buildings into the Florida Building Code when the
 29 base code is updated.

30 Section 3. The Legislature appropriates \$200,000 from
 31 the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund to the Department of

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1 Financial Services to be used to develop a joint program
 2 between the Florida Insurance Council and the Florida Home
 3 Builders Association to educate contractors on the benefits
 4 and options available for designing buildings for windborne
 5 debris protection and to develop a standardized affidavit to
 6 be used for verifying the insurance discounts for residential
 7 construction techniques demonstrated to reduce the amount of
 8 loss during a windstorm.

9 Section 4. The Florida Building Commission shall
 10 evaluate the definition of "exposure category C" as currently
 11 defined in section 553.71(10), Florida Statutes, and make
 12 recommendations for a new definition that more accurately
 13 depicts Florida-specific conditions prior to the 2006 Regular
 14 Session.

15 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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18 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

19 And the title is amended as follows:

20 On page 1, lines 8-23, delete those lines

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22 and insert:

23 standards; providing an appropriation;
 24 providing for incorporation in the Florida
 25 Building Code of the repeal of a design option
 26 relating to internal pressure for buildings
 27 within the windborne debris region; requiring
 28 the Florida Building Commission to make
 29 recommendations to the Legislature; providing
 30 an effective date.

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