

1 for rule adoption by reference in Rule 9B-3.047, F.A.C., on
2 February 18, 2000, in the Florida Administrative Weekly on
3 page 731. The Florida Building Commission is directed to
4 continue the process to adopt the code, pursuant to section
5 120.54(3), Florida Statutes, and to incorporate the following
6 provisions or standards for the State of Florida:

7 (3) For areas of the state not within the high
8 velocity hurricane zone, the commission shall adopt, pursuant
9 to s. 553.73, Florida Statutes, the wind protection
10 requirements of the American Society of Civil Engineers,
11 Standard 7, 2002 ~~1998~~ edition as implemented by the
12 International Building Code, 2003 ~~2000~~ edition. The commission
13 shall consider, through the code-development process, any
14 updates to Standard 7 which the society may adopt, and as
15 modified by the commission in its February 15, 2000, adoption
16 of the Florida Building Code for rule adoption by reference in
17 Rule 9B-3.047, Florida Administrative Code. The commission
18 shall consider the issue of windborne-debris requirements
19 applicable to land beyond 1 mile of the coast However, from
20 the eastern border of Franklin County to the Florida-Alabama
21 line through the code-development process, only land within 1
22 mile of the coast shall be subject to the windborne debris
23 requirements adopted by the commission. The exact location of
24 wind speed lines shall be established by local ordinance,
25 using recognized physical landmarks such as major roads,
26 canals, rivers, and lake shores, wherever possible. Buildings
27 constructed in the windborne debris region must be ~~either~~
28 ~~designed for internal pressures that may result inside a~~
29 ~~building when a window or door is broken or a hole is created~~
30 ~~in its walls or roof by large debris, or be designed with~~
31 protected openings. The commission shall consider the issue of

1 ~~Except in the high velocity hurricane zone, local governments~~
2 ~~may not prohibit the option of~~ designing buildings to resist
3 internal pressures through the code-development process.

4 Section 2. Subsections (10) and (11) of section
5 553.71, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

6 553.71 Definitions.--As used in this part, the term:

7 ~~(10) "Exposure category C" means, except in the high~~
8 ~~velocity hurricane zone, that area which lies within 1,500~~
9 ~~feet of the coastal construction control line, or within 1,500~~
10 ~~feet of the mean high tide line, whichever is less. On~~
11 ~~barrier islands, exposure category C shall be applicable in~~
12 ~~the coastal building zone set forth in s. 161.55(5).~~

13 ~~(10)(11)~~ "Prototype building" means a building
14 constructed in accordance with architectural or engineering
15 plans intended for replication on various sites and which will
16 be updated to comply with the Florida Building Code and
17 applicable laws relating to firesafety, health and sanitation,
18 casualty safety, and requirements for persons with
19 disabilities which are in effect at the time a construction
20 contract is to be awarded.

21 Section 3. The Florida Building Commission shall
22 consider how to address exposure category C in the building
23 code. As used in this section, the term "exposure category C"
24 means, except in the high velocity hurricane zone, that area
25 which lies within 1,500 feet of the coastal construction
26 control line, or within 1,500 feet of the mean high tide line,
27 whichever is less. On barrier islands, exposure category C is
28 applicable in the coastal building zone set forth in section
29 161.55(5), Florida Statutes.

30 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Removes an outdated wind-protection standards from the Florida Building Code and updates those standards. Eliminates an exemption from windborne-debris requirements which currently applies in certain areas of Franklin, Gulf, Bay, Walton, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Escambia Counties. Removes code provisions that allow certain buildings to be designed for internal pressures. Directs the Florida Building Commission to consider various issues in the code-development process. Directs the Florida Building Commission to consider addressing exposure category C areas in the building code. Defines the term "exposure category C."