

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Growth Management Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to wind-protection provisions of the
7 Florida Building Code; amending ch. 2000-141, Laws of
8 Florida; providing for an update of the code's wind-
9 protection standards; requiring removal of code provisions
10 authorizing certain design options under certain
11 circumstances; requiring the Florida Building Commission
12 to incorporate certain standards and conditions into the
13 Florida Building Code under certain circumstances;
14 directing the commission to evaluate the definition of the
15 term "exposure category C" and recommend a revision to
16 accurately reflect certain conditions specific to the
17 state; providing an appropriation for purposes of funding
18 a joint program for certain purposes; providing an
19 effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 109 of chapter 2000-
24 141, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

25 Section 109. The Legislature has reviewed the Florida
26 Building Code that was adopted by action of the Florida Building
27 Commission on February 15, 2000, and that was noticed for rule
28 adoption by reference in Rule 9B-3.047, F.A.C., on February 18,
29 2000, in the Florida Administrative Weekly on page 731. The
30 Florida Building Commission is directed to continue the process
31 to adopt the code, pursuant to section 120.54(3), Florida
32 Statutes, and to incorporate the following provisions or
33 standards for the State of Florida:

34 (3) For areas of the state not within the high velocity
35 hurricane zone, the commission shall adopt, pursuant to s.
36 553.73, Florida Statutes, the most current edition of the wind
37 protection requirements of the American Society of Civil
38 Engineers, Standard 7, 1998 edition as implemented by the
39 International Building Code, 2000 edition, and as modified by
40 the commission in its February 15, 2000, adoption of the Florida
41 Building Code for rule adoption by reference in Rule 9B-3.047,
42 Florida Administrative Code. However, from the eastern border of
43 Franklin County to the Florida-Alabama line, only land within 1
44 mile of the coast shall be subject to the windborne-debris
45 requirements adopted by the commission. The exact location of
46 wind speed lines shall be established by local ordinance, using
47 recognized physical landmarks such as major roads, canals,
48 rivers, and lake shores, wherever possible. Buildings
49 constructed in the windborne debris region must be either
50 designed for internal pressures that may result inside a

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51 | building when a window or door is broken or a hole is created in
52 | its walls or roof by large debris, or be designed with protected
53 | openings. Except in the high velocity hurricane zone, local
54 | governments may not prohibit the option of designing buildings
55 | to resist internal pressures.

56 | Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
57 | act, the option of designing for internal pressure for buildings
58 | within the windborne debris region shall be removed from the
59 | Florida Building Code immediately upon adoption of standards and
60 | conditions within the International Building Code or
61 | International Residential Code prohibiting such design option.
62 | The Florida Building Commission shall initiate rulemaking to
63 | incorporate into the Florida Building Code when the code is
64 | updated such standards and conditions prohibiting designing for
65 | internal pressure for buildings.

66 | Section 3. Prior to the 2006 Regular Session of the
67 | Legislature, the Florida Building Commission shall evaluate the
68 | definition of the term "exposure category C" as currently
69 | defined in s. 553.71, Florida Statutes, and make recommendations
70 | to the Legislature for a new definition that more accurately
71 | reflects conditions specific to this state.

72 | Section 4. The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated from the
73 | Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund to the Department of Financial
74 | Services to be used to develop a joint program between the
75 | Florida Insurance Council and the Florida Home Builders
76 | Association to educate contractors on the benefits and options
77 | available for designing buildings for windborne debris
78 | protection and to develop a standardized affidavit to be used

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79 | for verifying the insurance discounts for residential
80 | construction techniques demonstrated to reduce the amount of
81 | loss during a windstorm.

82 | Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.