

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to wind-protection provisions of the
3 Florida Building Code; requiring the commission to adopt
4 certain wind protection requirements for areas of the
5 state not within the high velocity hurricane zone;
6 providing construction; providing for incorporation into
7 the Florida Building Code of the repeal of a design option
8 relating to internal pressure for buildings within the
9 windborne debris region; providing an appropriation for a
10 joint program to educate contractors for certain purposes;
11 requiring the commission to review damage from Hurricane
12 Ivan and make recommendations to the Legislature for
13 changes to the Florida Building Code, especially relating
14 to certain areas; requiring a report; directing the
15 commission to evaluate the definition of the term
16 "exposure category C" and recommend a revision to
17 accurately reflect certain conditions specific to the
18 state; providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Notwithstanding subsection (3) of section 109,
23 chapter 2000-141, Laws of Florida, for areas of the state not
24 within the high velocity hurricane zone, the commission shall
25 adopt, pursuant to s. 553.73, Florida Statutes, the most current
26 edition of the wind protection requirements of the American
27 Society of Civil Engineers, Standard 7, as implemented by the
28 International Building Code upon updating the Florida Building

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29 Code. This section is intended to explicitly supersede only the
30 first sentence of subsection (3) of section 109, chapter 2000-
31 141, Laws of Florida.

32 Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
33 act, the option for designing for internal pressure for
34 buildings within the windborne debris region shall be repealed
35 immediately upon adoption of standards and conditions within the
36 International Building Code or International Residential Code
37 prohibiting such design option. The Florida Building Commission
38 shall initiate rulemaking to incorporate such standards and
39 conditions prohibiting designing for internal pressure for
40 buildings into the Florida Building Code when the base code is
41 updated.

42 Section 3. For fiscal year 2005-2006 only, the sum of
43 \$200,000 is appropriated from the Insurance Regulatory Trust
44 Fund to the Department of Financial Services to be used to
45 develop a joint program between the Florida Insurance Council
46 and the Florida Home Builders Association to educate contractors
47 on the benefits and options available for designing buildings
48 for windborne debris protection and to develop a standardized
49 affidavit to be used for verifying the insurance discounts for
50 residential construction techniques demonstrated to reduce the
51 amount of loss during a windstorm.

52 Section 4. The Florida Building Commission, in conjunction
53 with local building officials, shall conduct a review of damage
54 resulting from Hurricane Ivan and any other data to evaluate,
55 and to make recommendations to the Legislature for any changes
56 to, the Florida Building Code, specifically as it applies to the

57 region from the eastern border of Franklin County to the
58 Florida-Alabama line. The commission shall issue a report
59 summarizing its findings and recommendations prior to the 2006
60 Regular Session of the Legislature.

61 Section 5. The Florida Building Commission shall evaluate
62 the definition of the term "exposure category C" as currently
63 defined in s. 553.71(10), Florida Statutes, and make
64 recommendations for a new definition that more accurately
65 depicts Florida-specific conditions prior to the 2006 Regular
66 Session of the Legislature.

67 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.