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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to wind-protection provisions of the
 3 Florida Building Code; amending ch. 2000-141, Laws of
 4 Florida; providing for removal of outdated wind-protection
 5 standards from the Florida Building Code; providing for an
 6 update of the code's wind-protection standards; providing
 7 an appropriation; providing for incorporation in the
 8 Florida Building Code of the repeal of a design option
 9 relating to internal pressure for buildings within the
 10 windborne debris region; requiring the Florida Building
 11 Commission to make recommendations to the Legislature;
 12 providing an effective date.

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

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 16 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 109 of chapter 2000-
 17 141, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

18 Section 109. The Legislature has reviewed the Florida
 19 Building Code that was adopted by action of the Florida Building
 20 Commission on February 15, 2000, and that was noticed for rule
 21 adoption by reference in Rule 9B-3.047, F.A.C., on February 18,
 22 2000, in the Florida Administrative Weekly on page 731. The
 23 Florida Building Commission is directed to continue the process
 24 to adopt the code, pursuant to section 120.54(3), Florida
 25 Statutes, and to incorporate the following provisions or
 26 standards for the State of Florida:

27 (3) For areas of the state not within the high velocity
 28 hurricane zone, the commission shall adopt, pursuant to s.

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29 | 553.73, Florida Statutes, the most current edition of the wind
30 | protection requirements of the American Society of Civil
31 | Engineers, Standard 7, ~~1998 edition~~ as implemented by the
32 | International Building Code, ~~2000 edition, and as modified by~~
33 | ~~the commission in its February 15, 2000, adoption of the Florida~~
34 | ~~Building Code for rule adoption by reference in Rule 9B-3.047,~~
35 | ~~Florida Administrative Code.~~ However, from the eastern border of
36 | Franklin County to the Florida-Alabama line, only land within 1
37 | mile of the coast shall be subject to the windborne-debris
38 | requirements adopted by the commission. The exact location of
39 | wind speed lines shall be established by local ordinance, using
40 | recognized physical landmarks such as major roads, canals,
41 | rivers, and lake shores, wherever possible. Buildings
42 | constructed in the windborne debris region must be either
43 | designed for internal pressures that may result inside a
44 | building when a window or door is broken or a hole is created in
45 | its walls or roof by large debris, or be designed with protected
46 | openings. Except in the high velocity hurricane zone, local
47 | governments may not prohibit the option of designing buildings
48 | to resist internal pressures.

49 | Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
50 | act, the option for designing for internal pressure for
51 | buildings within the windborne debris region shall be repealed
52 | immediately upon adoption of standards and conditions within the
53 | International Building Code or International Residential Code
54 | prohibiting such design option. The Florida Building Commission
55 | shall initiate rulemaking to incorporate such standards and
56 | conditions prohibiting designing for internal pressure for

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57 buildings into the Florida Building Code when the base code is
58 updated.

59 Section 3. The Legislature appropriates, for fiscal year
60 2005-2006 only, \$200,000 from the Insurance Regulatory Trust
61 Fund to the Department of Financial Services to be used to
62 develop a joint program between the Florida Insurance Council
63 and the Florida Home Builders Association to educate contractors
64 on the benefits and options available for designing buildings
65 for windborne debris protection and to develop a standardized
66 affidavit to be used for verifying the insurance discounts for
67 residential construction techniques demonstrated to reduce the
68 amount of loss during a windstorm.

69 Section 4. The Florida Building Commission, in conjunction
70 with local building officials, shall conduct a review of damage
71 resulting from Hurricane Ivan and any other data to evaluate,
72 and to make recommendations to the Legislature for any changes
73 to, Florida's Building Code, specifically as it applies to the
74 region from the eastern border of Franklin County to the
75 Florida-Alabama line. The commission shall issue a report
76 summarizing its findings and recommendations prior to the 2006
77 Regular Session.

78 Section 5. The Florida Building Commission shall evaluate
79 the definition of "exposure category C" as currently defined in
80 section 553.71(10), Florida Statutes, and make recommendations
81 for a new definition that more accurately depicts Florida-
82 specific conditions prior to the 2006 Regular Session.

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