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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to hurricane evacuation
3 shelters; amending s. 252.385, F.S.; requiring
4 public and private commercial buildings that
5 are built after a certain date and meet certain
6 standards to be constructed according to the
7 design criteria published by the American Red
8 Cross in order to serve a secondary purpose as
9 a hurricane evacuation shelter; prohibiting a
10 building permit from being issued for a
11 construction project until the design is
12 certified to be in compliance with certain
13 standards; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (4) of
18 section 252.385, Florida Statutes, to read:

19 252.385 Public shelter space.--

20 (4)

21 (d) Public and private commercial buildings built
22 after July 1, 2006, having at least 2,000 square feet of net
23 floor area in a single room, and capable of complying with the
24 current standards to avoid storm-surge inundation as published
25 by the American Red Cross shall be constructed according to
26 the design criteria published by the American Red Cross in
27 order to serve a secondary purpose as a hurricane evacuation
28 shelter. A building permit may not be issued for such a
29 construction project until the design is certified to be in
30 compliance with the standards for construction of a hurricane
31 evacuation shelter.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

SENATE SUMMARY

Requires public and private commercial buildings that are built after a certain date and meet certain standards to be constructed according to the design criteria published by the American Red Cross in order to serve a secondary purpose as a hurricane evacuation shelter. Prohibits a building permit from being issued for a construction project until the design is certified to be in compliance with certain standards.