

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: WD 4/3/2008

The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation (Gaetz) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 431 and 432,

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Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 553.844, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

553.844 Windstorm loss mitigation; requirements for roofs and opening protection . --

- The Florida Building Commission shall:
- Develop and adopt within the Florida Building Code a means to incorporate recognized mitigation techniques for sitebuilt, single-family residential structures constructed before prior to the implementation of the Florida Building Code, including, but not limited to:

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- 1. Prescriptive techniques for the installation of gableend bracing;
- Secondary water barriers for roofs and standards relating to secondary water barriers. The criteria may include, but need not be limited to, roof shape, slope, and composition of all elements of the roof system. The criteria may not be limited to one method or material for a secondary water barrier;
- 3. Prescriptive techniques for improvement of roof-to-wall connections. The Legislature recognizes that the cost of retrofitting existing buildings to meet the code requirements for new construction in this regard may exceed the practical benefit to be attained. The Legislature intends for the commission to provide for the integration of alternate, lower-cost means that may be employed to retrofit existing buildings that are not otherwise required to comply with the requirements of the Florida Building Code for new construction so that the cost of such improvements does not exceed approximately 15 percent of the cost of reroofing. For houses that have both hip and gable roof ends, the priority shall be to retrofit the gable end roof-to-wall connections unless the width of the hip is more than 1.5 times greater than the width of the gable end. Priority shall be given to connecting the corners of roofs to walls below the locations at which the spans of the roofing members are greatest;
- Strengthening or correcting roof-decking attachments and fasteners during reroofing; and
 - 5. Adding or strengthening opening protections.

======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

On line 31, after the semicolon,



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amending s. 553.844, F.S.; revising provisions requiring the adoption of certain mitigation techniques by the Florida Building Commission within the Florida Building Code for certain structures;