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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Fasano moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 2303 - 2347

4 and insert:

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applicable fire and life safety code.

6 1. Notwithstanding chapter 633 or of any other code, 7 statute, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation, or any 8 interpretation of the foregoing, a cooperative or unit owner is 9 not obligated to retrofit the common elements or units of a 10 residential cooperative with a fire sprinkler system in a 11 building that has been certified for occupancy by the applicable governmental entity if the unit owners have voted to forego such 12 retrofitting by the affirmative vote of a majority of all voting 13

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14 interests in the affected cooperative. The local authority having jurisdiction may not require completion of retrofitting 15 16 with a fire sprinkler system before the end of 2019. By December 17 31, 2016, a cooperative that is not in compliance with the 18 requirements for a fire sprinkler system and has not voted to 19 forego retrofitting of such a system must initiate an application for a building permit for the required installation 20 with the local government having jurisdiction demonstrating that 21 22 the cooperative will become compliant by December 31, 2019. 23 2. A vote to forego retrofitting may be obtained by limited 24 proxy or by a ballot personally cast at a duly called membership 25 meeting, or by execution of a written consent by the member, and is effective upon recording a certificate attesting to such vote 26 27 in the public records of the county where the cooperative is located. The cooperative shall mail or hand deliver to each unit 28 29 owner written notice at least 14 days before the membership 30 meeting in which the vote to forego retrofitting of the required fire sprinkler system is to take place. Within 30 days after the 31 32 cooperative's opt-out vote, notice of the results of the opt-out vote must be mailed or hand delivered to all unit owners. 33 34 Evidence of compliance with this notice requirement must be made 35 by affidavit executed by the person providing the notice and filed among the official records of the cooperative. After 36 notice is provided to each owner, a copy must be provided by the 37 38 current owner to a new owner before closing and by a unit owner 39 to a renter before signing a lease. Notwithstanding the 40 provisions of chapter 633 or of any other code, statute, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation, or any 41 42 interpretation of the foregoing, a cooperative or unit owner is

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not obligated to retrofit the common elements or units of a 43 residential cooperative with a fire sprinkler system or other 44 engineered life safety system in a building that has been 45 certified for occupancy by the applicable governmental entity, 46 if the unit owners have voted to forego such retrofitting and 47 engineered life safety system by the affirmative vote of two-48 thirds of all voting interests in the affected cooperative. 49 However, a cooperative may not forego the retrofitting with a 50 fire sprinkler system of common areas in a high-rise building. 51 For purposes of this subsection, the term "high-rise building" 52 53 means a building that is greater than 75 feet in height where the building height is measured from the lowest level of fire 54 department access to the floor of the highest occupiable story. 55 56 For purposes of this subsection, the term "common areas" means any enclosed hallway, corridor, lobby, stairwell, or entryway. 57 In no event shall The local authority having jurisdiction 58 require completion of retrofitting of common areas with a 59 sprinkler system before the end of 2014. 60 (a) A vote to forego retrofitting may be obtained by 61

limited proxy or by a ballot personally cast at a duly called 62 membership meeting, or by execution of a written consent by the 63 member, and shall be effective upon the recording of a 64 65 certificate attesting to such vote in the public records of the county where the cooperative is located. The association shall 66 67 mail, hand deliver, or electronically transmit to each unit 68 owner written notice at least 14 days prior to such membership 69 meeting in which the vote to forego retrofitting of the required 70 fire sprinkler system is to take place. Within 30 days after the 71 association's opt-out vote, notice of the results of the opt-out

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- 72 vote shall be mailed, hand delivered, or electronically
- 73 transmitted to all unit owners. Evidence of compliance with this
- 74 30-day notice shall be made by an affidavit executed by the
- 75 person providing the notice and filed among the official records
- 76 of the association. After such notice is provided to each owner,
- 77 a copy of such notice shall be provided by the current owner to
- 78 a new owner prior to closing and shall be provided by a unit
- 79 owner to a renter prior to signing a lease.