

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Patronis offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 799 and 800, insert:

Section 20. Adult living facilities have become the preferred environment for individuals needing assistance with personal care services as they age and strive to function while having varying degrees of physical or mental impairments. It is the intent of the Legislature that rules adopted and enforced in assisted living facilities include firesafety standards that ensure a safe and secure quality of life for residents.

(1) Under chapter 633, Florida Statutes, the State Fire Marshal is directed to adopt the Florida Fire Prevention Code for statewide application using the most current edition of the Life Safety Code. Assisted living facilities are governed by chapter 429, Florida Statutes, which permits compliance with 186405

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17 1988 firesafety standards and other standards governing  
18 firesafety, including the 1994 edition of the Life Safety Code.

19 (2) The State Fire Marshal is directed to conduct a study  
20 of the effectiveness of currently adopted firesafety standards  
21 for assisted living facilities and evaluate whether the  
22 continued use of such standards sufficiently ensures the safety  
23 of staff and residents in the case of a fire emergency. The  
24 study shall include input from the Department of Elderly  
25 Affairs, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the  
26 Department of Health, and trade organizations representing  
27 assisted living facilities. The study shall address, but need  
28 not be limited to, the establishment of uniform firesafety  
29 standards for fire alarms and other fire protections based on  
30 the size of the structure.

31 (3) The State Fire Marshal shall complete the study and  
32 provide a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
33 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 15,  
34 2010. The report shall include, but need not be limited to,  
35 recommendations for legislative changes that will enhance the  
36 current firesafety standards of assisted living facilities  
37 without causing significant adverse impact on the residents or  
38 the individual caregivers.

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42 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

43 Between lines 101 and 102, insert:

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44 requiring the State Fire Marshal to conduct a study of  
45 the adequacy of firesafety standards in assisted living  
46 facilities; requiring a report to the Governor and  
47 Legislature;