

By the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs;
and Regulated Industries; and Senator Bennett

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to residential fire sprinkler
3 requirements; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; prohibiting
4 incorporation into the Florida Building Code certain
5 mandatory residential fire sprinkler provisions of the
6 International Residential Code; providing an
7 exception; amending s. 633.025, F.S.; prohibiting the
8 requirement of property owners to install fire
9 sprinklers in residential properties based on the use
10 of that property as a rental property or any change in
11 or reclassification of the property's primary use to a
12 rental property; 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 (14) is added to section 553.73,
17 Florida Statutes, to read:

18 553.73 Florida Building Code.—

19 (14) The provisions of section R313 of the most current
20 version of the International Residential Code relating to
21 mandated fire sprinklers may not be incorporated into the
22 Florida Building Code as adopted by the Florida Building
23 Commission and may not be adopted as a local amendment to the
24 Florida Building Code. This subsection does not apply to a local
25 government that has a lawfully adopted ordinance relating to
26 fire sprinklers which has been in effect since January 1, 2010.

27 Section 2. Subsection (11) is added to section 633.025,
28 Florida Statutes, to read:

29 633.025 Minimum firesafety standards.—

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30 (11) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (9), a
31 property owner shall not be required to install fire sprinklers
32 in any residential property based on the use of such property as
33 a rental property or any change in or reclassification of the
34 property's primary use to a rental property.

35 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.