

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to building construction and inspection;
 3 amending s. 255.252, F.S.; conforming provisions to
 4 changes made by the act; amending s. 255.253, F.S.;
 5 redefining the term "sustainable building rating" to
 6 include the International Green Construction Code;
 7 amending ss. 255.257 and 255.2575, F.S.; conforming
 8 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 553.74,
 9 F.S.; revising requirements for selecting a member of the
 10 Florida Building Commission; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 255.252,
 15 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

16 255.252 Findings and intent.—

17 (3) In order for ~~that such~~ energy-efficiency and
 18 sustainable materials considerations to become a function of
 19 building design and a model for future application in the
 20 private sector, it is ~~shall be~~ the policy of the state that
 21 buildings constructed and financed by the state be designed and
 22 constructed to comply with a sustainable building rating ~~the~~
 23 ~~United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in~~
 24 ~~Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the Green~~
 25 ~~Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the Florida~~
 26 ~~Green Building Coalition standards, or a nationally recognized,~~
 27 ~~high-performance green building rating system as approved by the~~
 28 ~~department.~~ It is further the policy of the state, if ~~when~~

29 economically feasible, to retrofit existing state-owned
 30 buildings in a manner that minimizes ~~which will minimize~~ the
 31 consumption of energy used in the operation and maintenance of
 32 such buildings.

33 (4) In addition to designing and constructing new
 34 buildings to be energy-efficient, it is ~~shall be~~ the policy of
 35 the state to operate and maintain state facilities in a manner
 36 that minimizes ~~which will minimize~~ energy consumption and
 37 maximizes ~~maximize~~ building sustainability, and to operate as
 38 ~~well as ensure that~~ facilities leased by the state are operated
 39 so as to minimize energy use. It is further the policy of the
 40 state that the renovation of existing state facilities be in
 41 accordance with a sustainable building rating ~~the United States~~
 42 ~~Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and~~
 43 ~~Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the Green Building~~
 44 ~~Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the Florida Green~~
 45 ~~Building Coalition standards, or a nationally recognized, high-~~
 46 ~~performance green building rating system as approved by the~~
 47 ~~department~~. State agencies are encouraged to consider shared
 48 savings financing of ~~such~~ energy-efficiency and conservation
 49 projects, using contracts that ~~which~~ split the resulting savings
 50 for a specified period of time between the state agency and the
 51 private firm or cogeneration contracts and that ~~which~~ otherwise
 52 permit the state to lower its net energy costs. Such energy
 53 contracts may be funded from the operating budget.

54 Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 255.253, Florida
 55 Statutes, is amended to read:

56 255.253 Definitions; ss. 255.251-255.258.—

57 (7) "Sustainable building rating" means a rating
 58 established by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC)
 59 Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating
 60 system, the International Green Construction Code (IGCC), the
 61 Green Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the
 62 Florida Green Building Coalition standards, or a nationally
 63 recognized, high-performance green building rating system as
 64 approved by the department.

65 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 255.257, Florida
 66 Statutes, is amended to read:

67 255.257 Energy management; buildings occupied by state
 68 agencies.—

69 (4) ADOPTION OF STANDARDS.—

70 (a) All state agencies shall adopt a sustainable building
 71 rating system ~~the United States Green Building Council (USGBC)~~
 72 ~~Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating~~
 73 ~~system, the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes rating~~
 74 ~~system, the Florida Green Building Coalition standards, or a~~
 75 ~~nationally recognized, high-performance green building rating~~
 76 ~~system as approved by the department~~ for all new buildings and
 77 renovations to existing buildings.

78 (b) No state agency shall enter into new leasing
 79 agreements for office space that does not meet Energy Star
 80 building standards, except when ~~determined by~~ the appropriate
 81 state agency head determines that no other viable or cost-
 82 effective alternative exists.

83 (c) All state agencies shall develop energy conservation
 84 measures and guidelines for new and existing office space where

85 state agencies occupy more than 5,000 square feet. These
 86 conservation measures shall focus on programs that may reduce
 87 energy consumption and, when established, provide a net
 88 reduction in occupancy costs.

89 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 255.2575, Florida
 90 Statutes, is amended to read:

91 255.2575 Energy-efficient and sustainable buildings.—

92 (2) All county, municipal, school district, water
 93 management district, state university, community college, and
 94 ~~Florida~~ state court buildings shall be constructed to comply
 95 with a sustainable building rating system ~~meet the United States~~
 96 ~~Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and~~
 97 ~~Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the Green Building~~
 98 ~~Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the Florida Green~~
 99 ~~Building Coalition standards, or a nationally recognized, high-~~
 100 ~~performance green building rating system as approved by the~~
 101 ~~Department of Management Services. This section applies shall~~
 102 ~~apply~~ to all county, municipal, school district, water
 103 management district, state university, community college, and
 104 ~~Florida~~ state court buildings the architectural plans of which
 105 are commenced after July 1, 2008.

106 Section 5. Paragraph (v) of subsection (1) of section
 107 553.74, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

108 553.74 Florida Building Commission.—

109 (1) The Florida Building Commission is created and shall
 110 be located within the Department of Community Affairs for
 111 administrative purposes. Members shall be appointed by the
 112 Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. The commission

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113 shall be composed of 25 members, consisting of the following:
114 (v) One member who is a representative of the green
115 building industry and who is a third-party commission agent, a
116 Florida board member of the United States Green Building Council
117 or Green Building Initiative, a professional who is accredited
118 under the International Green Construction Code (IGCC), or a
119 professional who is accredited under Leadership in Energy and
120 Environmental Design (LEED) ~~LEED-accredited professional.~~

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122 Any person serving on the commission under paragraph (c) or
123 paragraph (h) on October 1, 2003, and who has served less than
124 two full terms is eligible for reappointment to the commission
125 regardless of whether he or she meets the new qualification.

126 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.