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An act relating to fire prevention and control; amending s. 633.027, F.S.; defining the term "light-frame truss-type construction"; providing for the installation of signs or symbols at entrances to certain areas; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 633.027, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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633.027 Buildings with light-frame truss-type construction; notice requirements; enforcement.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "light-frame truss-type construction" means a type of construction in which the primary structural elements are formed by a system of repetitive wood or steel framing members, and includes open-web steel joist construction having any web member that measures less than 2 1/2 inches in width and conventional light-frame wood and engineered lumber having any web member that measures less than 2 inches by 8 inches, when used in roof or floor structural elements.

(2)(a)(1) The owner of any commercial or industrial structure, or any multiunit residential structure of three units or more, that uses light-frame truss-type construction shall identify mark the structure with a sign or symbol approved by the State Fire Marshal in a manner sufficient to warn persons conducting fire control and other emergency operations of the existence of light-frame truss-type construction in the

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- (b) The signs or symbols may be installed at the principal entrances of locations where similarly designed structures exist, in clear view of arriving emergency apparatus.
- $\underline{(3)}$ (2) The State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) The dimensions and color of such sign or symbol.
- (b) The time within which commercial, industrial, and multiunit residential structures that use light-frame truss-type construction shall be <u>identified</u> marked as required by this section.
- (c) The location \underline{at} on each commercial, industrial, and multiunit residential structure that uses light-frame truss-type construction where such sign or symbol must be posted.
- $\underline{(4)}$ (3) The State Fire Marshal, and local fire officials in accordance with s. 633.121, shall enforce the provisions of this section. Any owner who fails to comply with the requirements of this section is subject to penalties as provided in s. 633.161.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.