

By the Committees on Rules; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Community Affairs; and Senators Simpson and Dean

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code;
3 amending s. 633.0215, F.S.; requiring fire officials
4 to enforce Florida Building Code provisions for
5 occupancy separation for certain structures with
6 certain occupancies; exempting certain farming and
7 ranching structures from the code; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (16) is added to section 633.0215,
13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 633.0215 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

15 (16) (a) For one-story or two-story structures that are less
16 than 10,000 square feet, whose occupancy is defined in the
17 Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code as
18 business or mercantile, a fire official shall enforce the wall
19 fire-rating provisions for occupancy separation as defined in
20 the Florida Building Code.

21 (b) A structure, located on property that is classified for
22 ad valorem purposes as agricultural, which is part of a farming
23 or ranching operation, in which the occupancy is limited to no
24 more than 35 persons, and which is not used by the public for
25 direct sales or as an educational outreach facility, is exempt
26 from the Florida Fire Prevention Code, including the national
27 codes and Life Safety Code incorporated by reference. This
28 paragraph does not include structures used for residential or
29 assembly occupancies, as defined in the Florida Fire Prevention

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30 Code.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.