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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Building Code; amending
3 s. 553.73, F.S.; adding a condition that a technical
4 amendment to the Florida Building Code must meet
5 before the Florida Building Commission is authorized
6 to approve the amendment; revising a cross-reference
7 to conform; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Subsection (3) and paragraph (c) of subsection
12 (7) of section 553.73, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
13 553.73 Florida Building Code.—

14 (3) The commission shall use the International Codes
15 published by the International Code Council, the National
16 Electric Code (NFPA 70), or other nationally adopted model codes
17 and standards needed to develop the base code in Florida to form
18 the foundation for the Florida Building Code. The Florida
19 Building Commission may approve technical amendments to the
20 code, subject to subsections (8) and (9), after the amendments
21 have been subject to the following conditions:

22 (a) The proposed amendment has been published on the
23 commission's website for a minimum of 45 days and all the
24 associated documentation has been made available to any
25 interested party before any consideration by a Technical
26 Advisory Committee;

27 (b) In order for a Technical Advisory Committee to make a
28 favorable recommendation to the commission, the proposal must
29 receive a three-fourths vote of the members present at the

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30 Technical Advisory Committee meeting and at least half of the
31 regular members must be present in order to conduct a meeting;

32 (c) After Technical Advisory Committee consideration and a
33 recommendation for approval of any proposed amendment, the
34 proposal must be published on the commission's website for at
35 least 45 days before any consideration by the commission; ~~and~~

36 (d) A proposal may be modified by the commission based on
37 public testimony and evidence from a public hearing held in
38 accordance with chapter 120; and

39 (e) The proposed technical amendment may not be adopted by
40 the commission unless it directly relates to public health,
41 safety, and welfare.

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43 The commission shall incorporate within sections of the Florida
44 Building Code provisions which address regional and local
45 concerns and variations. The commission shall make every effort
46 to minimize conflicts between the Florida Building Code, the
47 Florida Fire Prevention Code, and the Life Safety Code.

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49 (c) The commission may modify any portion of the foundation
50 codes only as needed to accommodate the specific needs of this
51 state. Standards or criteria referenced by the codes must ~~shall~~
52 be incorporated by reference. If a referenced standard or
53 criterion requires amplification or modification to be
54 appropriate for use in this state, only the amplification or
55 modification shall be set forth in the Florida Building Code.
56 The commission may approve technical amendments to the updated
57 Florida Building Code after the amendments have been subject to
58 the conditions set forth in paragraphs (3) (a) - (e) ~~(3) (a) - (d)~~.

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59 Amendments to the foundation codes which are adopted in
60 accordance with this subsection must ~~shall~~ be clearly marked in
61 printed versions of the Florida Building Code so that the fact
62 that the provisions are Florida-specific amendments to the
63 foundation codes is readily apparent.

64 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.