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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public construction projects;  
3           amending s. 255.20, F.S.; requiring state agencies to  
4           specify certain products associated with public works  
5           projects; amending s. 255.2575, F.S.; prohibiting  
6           state agencies from excluding the use of certain  
7           building rating systems, building codes, or published  
8           supplements for certain construction and renovation  
9           projects; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 255.20, Florida  
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15           255.20 Local bids and contracts for public construction  
16 works; specification of state-produced lumber.—

17           (3) All state agencies, county officials, boards of county  
18 commissioners, school boards, city councils, city commissioners,  
19 and all other public officers of state boards or commissions  
20 that are charged with the letting of contracts for public work,  
21 for the construction of public bridges, buildings, and other  
22 structures must specify lumber, timber, and other forest  
23 products produced and manufactured in this state if such  
24 products are available and their price, fitness, and quality are  
25 equal. This subsection does not apply to plywood specified for  
26 monolithic concrete forms, if the structural or service  
27 requirements for timber for a particular job cannot be supplied  
28 by native species, or if the construction is financed in whole  
29 or in part from federal funds with the requirement that there be

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30 no restrictions as to species or place of manufacture.

31 Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 255.2575,  
32 Florida Statutes, to read:

33 255.2575 Energy-efficient and sustainable buildings.-

34 (4) For new construction and renovation projects associated  
35 with publicly owned buildings or facilities, a state agency may  
36 not, when requiring compliance with a sustainable building  
37 rating system or national model green building code, exclude the  
38 use of a sustainable building rating system, national model  
39 green building code listed in s. 255.253(7), or the most recent  
40 edition of the Green Plumbing Mechanical Code Supplement,  
41 including appendices, as copyrighted and published by the  
42 International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials.

43 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.