

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code;
 3 amending s. 633.0215, F.S.; providing that fire
 4 officials shall enforce Florida Building Code
 5 provisions for occupancy separation for certain
 6 structures with certain occupancies; exempting certain
 7 farming and ranching structures from the code;
 8 providing an 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
 16 less 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 farming or ranching structure, as part of an
 22 operation that employs fewer than 25 full-time equivalent
 23 workers, calculated as cumulative hours worked divided by 40
 24 hours, which is not used by the public for direct sales or as an
 25 educational outreach facility, is exempt from the Florida Fire
 26 Prevention Code, including the national codes and Life Safety
 27 Code incorporated by reference. This paragraph does not include
 28 structures used for residential or assembly occupancies, as

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29 | defined in the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

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