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The Committee on Community Affairs (Simpson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 162.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to
read:

162.12 Notices.—

(1) All notices required by this part must be provided to
the alleged violator by:

(a) Certified mail, and at the option of the local



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11 government return receipt requested, to the address listed in
12 the tax collector's office for tax notices or to the address
13 listed in the county property appraiser's database. The local
14 government may also provide an additional notice to any other
15 address it may find for the property owner. For property owned
16 by a corporation, notices may be provided by certified mail to
17 the registered agent of the corporation. If any notice sent by
18 certified mail is not signed as received within 30 days after
19 the postmarked date of mailing, notice may be provided by
20 posting as described in subparagraphs (2) (b)1. and 2.;

21 (b) Hand delivery by the sheriff or other law enforcement
22 officer, code inspector, or other person designated by the local
23 governing body;

24 (c) Leaving the notice at the violator's usual place of
25 residence with any person residing therein who is above 15 years
26 of age and informing such person of the contents of the notice;
27 or

28 (d) In the case of commercial premises, leaving the notice
29 with the manager or other person in charge.

30 (2) In addition to providing notice as set forth in
31 subsection (1), at the option of the code enforcement board or
32 the local government, notice may be served by publication or
33 posting, as follows:

34 (a)1. Such notice shall be published once during each week
35 for 4 consecutive weeks (four publications being sufficient) in
36 a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the code
37 enforcement board is located. The newspaper shall meet such
38 requirements as are prescribed under chapter 50 for legal and
39 official advertisements.



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40 2. Proof of publication shall be made as provided in ss.
41 50.041 and 50.051.

42 (b)1. In lieu of publication as described in paragraph (a),
43 such notice may be posted at least 10 days prior to the hearing,
44 or prior to the expiration of any deadline contained in the
45 notice, in at least two locations, one of which shall be the
46 property upon which the violation is alleged to exist and the
47 other of which shall be, in the case of municipalities, at the
48 primary municipal government office, and in the case of
49 counties, at the front door of the courthouse or the main county
50 governmental center in said county.

51 2. Proof of posting shall be by affidavit of the person
52 posting the notice, which affidavit shall include a copy of the
53 notice posted and the date and places of its posting.

54 (c) Notice by publication or posting may run concurrently
55 with, or may follow, an attempt or attempts to provide notice by
56 hand delivery or by mail as required under subsection (1).

57 (3) Evidence that an attempt has been made to hand deliver
58 or mail notice as provided in subsection (1), together with
59 proof of publication or posting as provided in subsection (2),
60 shall be sufficient to show that the notice requirements of this
61 part have been met, without regard to whether or not the alleged
62 violator actually received such notice.

63 Section 2. Section 514.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to
64 read:

65 514.03 Approval necessary to construct, develop, or modify
66 public swimming pools or public bathing places.—

67 (1) A person or public body desiring to construct, develop,
68 or modify a public swimming pool must apply to the department



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69 for an operating permit before filing an application for a
70 building permit under s. 553.79.

71 (2) Local governments or local enforcement districts may
72 determine compliance with the general construction standards of
73 the Florida Building Code, pursuant to s. 553.80. Local
74 governments or local enforcement districts may conduct plan
75 reviews and inspections of public swimming pools and public
76 bathing places for this purpose.

77 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
78 514.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

79 514.031 Permit necessary to operate public swimming pool.—

80 (1) It is unlawful for any person or public body to operate
81 or continue to operate any public swimming pool without a valid
82 permit from the department, such permit to be obtained in the
83 following manner:

84 (a) Any person or public body desiring to operate any
85 public swimming pool shall file an application for an operating
86 ~~a~~ permit with the department, on application forms provided by
87 the department, and shall accompany such application with:

88 1. A description of the structure, its appurtenances, and
89 its operation.

90 ~~2.1.~~ A description of the source or sources of water
91 supply, and the amount and quality of water available and
92 intended to be used.

93 ~~3.2.~~ The method and manner of water purification,
94 treatment, disinfection, and heating.

95 ~~4.3.~~ The safety equipment and standards to be used.

96 5. A copy of the final inspection from the local
97 enforcement agency as defined in chapter 553.



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98 ~~6.4.~~ Any other pertinent information deemed necessary by
99 the department.

100 Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
101 553.37, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

102 553.37 Rules; inspections; and insignia.—

103 (1) The Florida Building Commission shall adopt within the
104 Florida Building Code requirements for construction or
105 modification of manufactured buildings and building modules, to
106 address:

107 (c) ~~Minimum~~ Inspection criteria, which shall require the
108 approved inspection agency to:

109 1. Observe the first building built, or with regard to
110 components, observe the first unit assembled, after
111 certification from the manufacturer, from start to finish,
112 inspecting all subsystems: electrical, plumbing, structural,
113 mechanical, or thermal.

114 2. Continue observation of the manufacturing process until
115 the approved inspection agency determines that the
116 manufacturer's quality control program, in conjunction with the
117 application of the plans approved by the approved inspection
118 agency, will result in a building and components that meet or
119 exceed the applicable Florida Building Code requirements.

120 3. Inspect each module produced during at least one point
121 of the manufacturing process and inspect at least 75 percent of
122 the subsystems of each module: electrical, plumbing, structural,
123 mechanical, or thermal.

124 4. With respect to components, inspect at least 75 percent
125 of the manufactured building components and at least 20 percent
126 of the storage sheds that are not designed for human habitation



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127 and that have a floor area of 720 square feet or less.

128 Section 5. Section 553.721, Florida Statutes, is amended to
129 read:

130 553.721 Surcharge.—In order for the Department of Business
131 and Professional Regulation to administer and carry out the
132 purposes of this part and related activities, there is created a
133 surcharge, to be assessed at the rate of 1.5 percent of the
134 permit fees associated with enforcement of the Florida Building
135 Code as defined by the uniform account criteria and specifically
136 the uniform account code for building permits adopted for local
137 government financial reporting pursuant to s. 218.32. The
138 minimum amount collected on any permit issued shall be \$2. The
139 unit of government responsible for collecting a permit fee
140 pursuant to s. 125.56(4) or s. 166.201 shall collect the
141 surcharge and electronically remit the funds collected to the
142 department on a quarterly calendar basis for the preceding
143 quarter and continuing each third month thereafter. The unit of
144 government shall retain 10 percent of the surcharge collected to
145 fund the participation of building departments in the national
146 and state building code adoption processes and to provide
147 education related to enforcement of the Florida Building Code.
148 All funds remitted to the department pursuant to this section
149 shall be deposited in the Professional Regulation Trust Fund.
150 Funds collected from the surcharge shall be allocated to fund
151 the Florida Building Commission, ~~and~~ the Florida Building Code
152 Compliance and Mitigation Program under s. 553.841, and the
153 Future Builders of America program. ~~Beginning in the 2013-2014~~
154 ~~fiscal year,~~ Funds allocated to the Florida Building Code
155 Compliance and Mitigation Program shall be \$925,000 each fiscal



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156 year. Beginning in the 2014-2015 fiscal year, funds allocated to
157 the Future Builders of America program shall be \$250,000 each
158 fiscal year. The funds collected from the surcharge may not be
159 used to fund research on techniques for mitigation of radon in
160 existing buildings. Funds used by the department as well as
161 funds to be transferred to the Department of Health shall be as
162 prescribed in the annual General Appropriations Act. The
163 department shall adopt rules governing the collection and
164 remittance of surcharges pursuant to chapter 120.

165 Section 6. Section 553.775, Florida Statutes, is amended to
166 read:

167 553.775 Interpretations.—

168 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Florida
169 Building Code and the Florida Accessibility Code for Building
170 Construction be interpreted by building officials, local
171 enforcement agencies, and the commission in a manner that
172 protects the public safety, health, and welfare at the most
173 reasonable cost to the consumer by ensuring uniform
174 interpretations throughout the state and by providing processes
175 for resolving disputes regarding interpretations of the Florida
176 Building Code and the Florida Accessibility Code for Building
177 Construction which are just and expeditious.

178 (2) Local enforcement agencies, local building officials,
179 state agencies, and the commission shall interpret provisions of
180 the Florida Building Code and the Florida Accessibility Code for
181 Building Construction in a manner that is consistent with
182 declaratory statements and interpretations entered by the
183 commission, except that conflicts between the Florida Fire
184 Prevention Code and the Florida Building Code shall be resolved



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185 in accordance with s. 553.73(11)(c) and (d).

186 (3) The following procedures may be invoked regarding
187 interpretations of the Florida Building Code or the Florida
188 Accessibility Code for Building Construction:

189 (a) Upon written application by any substantially affected
190 person or state agency or by a local enforcement agency, the
191 commission shall issue declaratory statements pursuant to s.
192 120.565 relating to the enforcement or administration by local
193 governments of the Florida Building Code or the Florida
194 Accessibility Code for Building Construction.

195 (b) When requested in writing by any substantially affected
196 person or state agency or by a local enforcement agency, the
197 commission shall issue a declaratory statement pursuant to s.
198 120.565 relating to this part and ss. 515.25, 515.27, 515.29,
199 and 515.37. Actions of the commission are subject to judicial
200 review under s. 120.68.

201 (c) The commission shall review decisions of local building
202 officials and local enforcement agencies regarding
203 interpretations of the Florida Building Code or the Florida
204 Accessibility Code for Building Construction after the local
205 board of appeals has considered the decision, if such board
206 exists, and if such appeals process is concluded within 25
207 business days.

208 1. The commission shall coordinate with the Building
209 Officials Association of Florida, Inc., to designate panels
210 composed of five members to hear requests to review decisions of
211 local building officials. The members must be licensed as
212 building code administrators under part XII of chapter 468 and
213 must have experience interpreting and enforcing provisions of



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214 the Florida Building Code and the Florida Accessibility Code for
215 Building Construction.

216 2. Requests to review a decision of a local building
217 official interpreting provisions of the Florida Building Code or
218 the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction may be
219 initiated by any substantially affected person, including an
220 owner or builder subject to a decision of a local building
221 official or an association of owners or builders having members
222 who are subject to a decision of a local building official. In
223 order to initiate review, the substantially affected person must
224 file a petition with the commission. The commission shall adopt
225 a form for the petition, which shall be published on the
226 Building Code Information System. The form shall, at a minimum,
227 require the following:

228 a. The name and address of the county or municipality in
229 which provisions of the Florida Building Code or the Florida
230 Accessibility Code for Building Construction are being
231 interpreted.

232 b. The name and address of the local building official who
233 has made the interpretation being appealed.

234 c. The name, address, and telephone number of the
235 petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the
236 petitioner's representative, if any; and an explanation of how
237 the petitioner's substantial interests are being affected by the
238 local interpretation of the Florida Building Code or the Florida
239 Accessibility Code for Building Construction.

240 d. A statement of the provisions of the Florida Building
241 Code or the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction
242 which are being interpreted by the local building official.



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243 e. A statement of the interpretation given to provisions of
244 the Florida Building Code or the Florida Accessibility Code for
245 Building Construction by the local building official and the
246 manner in which the interpretation was rendered.

247 f. A statement of the interpretation that the petitioner
248 contends should be given to the provisions of the Florida
249 Building Code or the Florida Accessibility Code for Building
250 Construction and a statement supporting the petitioner's
251 interpretation.

252 g. Space for the local building official to respond in
253 writing. The space shall, at a minimum, require the local
254 building official to respond by providing a statement admitting
255 or denying the statements contained in the petition and a
256 statement of the interpretation of the provisions of the Florida
257 Building Code or the Florida Accessibility Code for Building
258 Construction which the local jurisdiction or the local building
259 official contends is correct, including the basis for the
260 interpretation.

261 3. The petitioner shall submit the petition to the local
262 building official, who shall place the date of receipt on the
263 petition. The local building official shall respond to the
264 petition in accordance with the form and shall return the
265 petition along with his or her response to the petitioner within
266 5 days after receipt, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal
267 holidays. The petitioner may file the petition with the
268 commission at any time after the local building official
269 provides a response. If no response is provided by the local
270 building official, the petitioner may file the petition with the
271 commission 10 days after submission of the petition to the local



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272 building official and shall note that the local building
273 official did not respond.

274 4. Upon receipt of a petition that meets the requirements
275 of subparagraph 2., the commission shall immediately provide
276 copies of the petition to a panel, and the commission shall
277 publish the petition, including any response submitted by the
278 local building official, on the Building Code Information System
279 in a manner that allows interested persons to address the issues
280 by posting comments.

281 5. The panel shall conduct proceedings as necessary to
282 resolve the issues; shall give due regard to the petitions, the
283 response, and to comments posed on the Building Code Information
284 System; and shall issue an interpretation regarding the
285 provisions of the Florida Building Code or the Florida
286 Accessibility Code for Building Construction within 21 days
287 after the filing of the petition. The panel shall render a
288 determination based upon the Florida Building Code or the
289 Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction or, if the
290 code is ambiguous, the intent of the code. The panel's
291 interpretation shall be provided to the commission, which shall
292 publish the interpretation on the Building Code Information
293 System and in the Florida Administrative Register. The
294 interpretation shall be considered an interpretation entered by
295 the commission, and shall be binding upon the parties and upon
296 all jurisdictions subject to the Florida Building Code or the
297 Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction, unless it
298 is superseded by a declaratory statement issued by the Florida
299 Building Commission or by a final order entered after an appeal
300 proceeding conducted in accordance with subparagraph 7.



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301 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that review
302 proceedings be completed within 21 days after the date that a
303 petition seeking review is filed with the commission, and the
304 time periods set forth in this paragraph may be waived only upon
305 consent of all parties.

306 7. Any substantially affected person may appeal an
307 interpretation rendered by a hearing officer panel by filing a
308 petition with the commission. Such appeals shall be initiated in
309 accordance with chapter 120 and the uniform rules of procedure
310 and must be filed within 30 days after publication of the
311 interpretation on the Building Code Information System or in the
312 Florida Administrative Register. Hearings shall be conducted
313 pursuant to chapter 120 and the uniform rules of procedure.
314 Decisions of the commission are subject to judicial review
315 pursuant to s. 120.68. The final order of the commission is
316 binding upon the parties and upon all jurisdictions subject to
317 the Florida Building Code or the Florida Accessibility Code for
318 Building Construction.

319 8. The burden of proof in any proceeding initiated in
320 accordance with subparagraph 7. is on the party who initiated
321 the appeal.

322 9. In any review proceeding initiated in accordance with
323 this paragraph, including any proceeding initiated in accordance
324 with subparagraph 7., the fact that an owner or builder has
325 proceeded with construction may not be grounds for determining
326 an issue to be moot if the issue is one that is likely to arise
327 in the future.

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329 This paragraph provides the exclusive remedy for addressing



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330 requests to review local interpretations of the Florida Building
331 Code or the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction
332 and appeals from review proceedings.

333 (d) Upon written application by any substantially affected
334 person, contractor, or designer, or a group representing a
335 substantially affected person, contractor, or designer, the
336 commission shall issue or cause to be issued a formal
337 interpretation of the Florida Building Code or the Florida
338 Accessibility Code for Building Construction as prescribed by
339 paragraph (c).

340 (e) Local decisions declaring structures to be unsafe and
341 subject to repair or demolition are not subject to review under
342 this subsection and may not be appealed to the commission if the
343 local governing body finds that there is an immediate danger to
344 the health and safety of the public.

345 (f) Upon written application by any substantially affected
346 person, the commission shall issue a declaratory statement
347 pursuant to s. 120.565 relating to an agency's interpretation
348 and enforcement of the specific provisions of the Florida
349 Building Code or the Florida Accessibility Code for Building
350 Construction which the agency is authorized to enforce. This
351 subsection does not provide any powers, other than advisory, to
352 the commission with respect to any decision of the State Fire
353 Marshal made pursuant to chapter 633.

354 (g) The commission may designate a commission member who
355 has demonstrated expertise in interpreting building plans to
356 attend each meeting of the advisory council created in s.
357 553.512. The commission member may vary from meeting to meeting,
358 shall serve on the council in a nonvoting capacity, and shall



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359 receive per diem and expenses as provided in s. 553.74(3).

360 (h) The commission shall by rule establish an informal
361 process of rendering nonbinding interpretations of the Florida
362 Building Code and the Florida Accessibility Code for Building
363 Construction. The commission is specifically authorized to refer
364 interpretive issues to organizations that represent those
365 engaged in the construction industry. The commission shall
366 immediately implement the process before completing formal
367 rulemaking. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
368 commission create a process to refer questions to a small,
369 rotating group of individuals licensed under part XII of chapter
370 468, to which a party may pose questions regarding the
371 interpretation of code provisions. It is the intent of the
372 Legislature that the process provide for the expeditious
373 resolution of the issues presented and publication of the
374 resulting interpretation on the Building Code Information
375 System. Such interpretations shall be advisory only and
376 nonbinding on the parties and the commission.

377 (4) In order to administer this section, the commission may
378 adopt by rule and impose a fee for filing requests for
379 declaratory statements and binding and nonbinding
380 interpretations to recoup the cost of the proceedings which may
381 not exceed \$125 for each request for a nonbinding interpretation
382 and \$250 for each request for a binding review or
383 interpretation. For proceedings conducted by or in coordination
384 with a third party, the rule may provide that payment be made
385 directly to the third party, who shall remit to the department
386 that portion of the fee necessary to cover the costs of the
387 department.



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388 ~~(5) The commission may render declaratory statements in~~
389 ~~accordance with s. 120.565 relating to the provisions of the~~
390 ~~Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction not~~
391 ~~attributable to the Americans with Disabilities Act~~
392 ~~Accessibility Guidelines. Notwithstanding the other provisions~~
393 ~~of this section, the Florida Accessibility Code for Building~~
394 ~~Construction and chapter 11 of the Florida Building Code may not~~
395 ~~be interpreted by, and are not subject to review under, any of~~
396 ~~the procedures specified in this section. This subsection has no~~
397 ~~effect upon the commission's authority to waive the Florida~~
398 ~~Accessibility Code for Building Construction as provided by s.~~
399 ~~553.512.~~

400 Section 7. Present subsections (11) through (18) of section
401 553.79, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (12)
402 through (19), respectively, and a new subsection (11) is added
403 to that section, to read:

404 553.79 Permits; applications; issuance; inspections.—

405 (11) The local enforcing agency may not issue a building
406 permit to construct, develop, or modify a public swimming pool
407 without proof of application for an operating permit under s.
408 514.031. A certificate of completion or occupancy may not be
409 issued until such operating permit is issued.

410 Section 8. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 553.841,
411 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

412 553.841 Building code compliance and mitigation program.—

413 (1) The Legislature finds that knowledge and understanding
414 by persons licensed or employed in the design and construction
415 industries of the importance and need for complying with the
416 Florida Building Code and related laws is vital to the public



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417 health, safety, and welfare of this state, especially for
418 protecting consumers and mitigating damage caused by hurricanes
419 to residents and visitors to the state. The Legislature further
420 finds that the Florida Building Code can be effective only if
421 all participants in the design and construction industries
422 maintain a thorough knowledge of the code, code compliance and
423 enforcement, duties related to consumers, and changes that
424 ~~additions thereto which~~ improve construction standards, project
425 completion, and compliance of design and construction to protect
426 against consumer harm, storm damage, and other damage.

427 Consequently, the Legislature finds that there is a need for a
428 program to provide ongoing education and outreach activities
429 concerning compliance with the Florida Building Code, the
430 Florida Fire Prevention Code, construction plan and permitting
431 requirements, construction liens, and hurricane mitigation.

432 (2) The Department of Business and Professional Regulation
433 shall administer a program, designated as the Florida Building
434 Code Compliance and Mitigation Program, to develop, coordinate,
435 and maintain education and outreach to persons required to
436 comply with the Florida Building Code and related provisions as
437 specified in subsection (1) and ensure consistent education,
438 training, and communication of the code's requirements,
439 including, but not limited to, methods for design and
440 construction compliance and mitigation of storm-related damage.

441 The program shall also operate a clearinghouse through which
442 design, construction, and building code enforcement licensees,
443 suppliers, and consumers in this state may find others in order
444 to exchange information relating to mitigation and facilitate
445 repairs in the aftermath of a natural disaster.



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446 Section 9. Section 553.883, Florida Statutes, is created to
447 read:

448 553.883 Smoke alarms in one-family and two-family dwellings
449 and townhomes.—One-family and two-family dwellings and townhomes
450 undergoing a repair, or a level 1 alteration as defined in the
451 Florida Building Code, Existing Building, may use smoke alarms
452 powered by 10-year nonremovable, nonreplaceable batteries in
453 lieu of retrofitting such dwelling with smoke alarms powered by
454 the dwelling's electrical system. Effective January 1, 2015, a
455 battery-powered smoke alarm that is newly installed or replaces
456 an existing battery-powered smoke alarm must be powered by a
457 nonremovable, nonreplaceable battery that powers the alarm for
458 at least 10 years.

459 Section 10. Subsection (3) of section 553.993, Florida
460 Statutes, is amended to read:

461 553.993 Definitions.—For purposes of this part:

462 (3) "Building energy-efficiency rating system" means a
463 whole building energy evaluation system that provides a reliable
464 and scientifically-based analysis of a building's energy
465 consumption or energy features and allows a comparison to
466 similar building types in similar climate zones where
467 applicable. Specifically, the rating system shall use standard
468 calculations, formulas, and scoring methods; be applicable
469 nationally; compare a building to a clearly defined and
470 researched baseline or benchmark; require qualified
471 professionals to conduct the rating or assessment; and provide a
472 labeling and recognition program with specific criteria or
473 levels. Residential program benchmarks for new construction must
474 be consistent with national building standards. Residential



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475 building program benchmarks for existing construction must be
476 consistent with national home energy rating standards. The
477 building energy-efficiency rating system shall require at least
478 one level of oversight performed by an organized and balanced
479 group of professionals with subject matter expertise in energy
480 efficiency, energy rating, and evaluation methods established by
481 ~~the Residential Energy Services Network, the Commercial Energy~~
482 ~~Services Network, the Building Performance Institute, or the~~
483 ~~Florida Solar Energy Center.~~

484 Section 11. Subsection (15) of section 633.202, Florida
485 Statutes, is amended to read:

486 633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.-

487 (15) ~~(a)~~ For one-story or two-story structures that are less
488 than 10,000 square feet, whose occupancy is defined in the
489 Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code as
490 business or mercantile, a fire official shall enforce the wall
491 fire-rating provisions for occupancy separation as defined in
492 the Florida Building Code.

493 (16) (a) ~~(b)~~ A structure, located on property that is
494 classified for ad valorem purposes as agricultural, which is
495 part of a farming or ranching operation, in which the occupancy
496 is limited by the property owner to no more than 35 persons, and
497 which is not used by the public for direct sales or as an
498 educational outreach facility, is exempt from the Florida Fire
499 Prevention Code, including the national codes and Life Safety
500 Code incorporated by reference. This paragraph does not include
501 structures used for residential or assembly occupancies, as
502 defined in the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

503 (b) A tent up to 30 feet by 30 feet is exempt from the



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504 Florida Fire Prevention Code, including the national codes
505 incorporated by reference.

506 Section 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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508 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

509 And the title is amended as follows:

510 Delete everything before the enacting clause
511 and insert:

512 A bill to be entitled
513 An act relating to building construction; amending s.
514 162.12, F.S.; providing an additional method for local
515 governments to provide notices to alleged code
516 enforcement violators; amending s. 514.03, F.S.;
517 requiring application for an operating permit before
518 filing an application for a building permit for a
519 public swimming pool; amending s. 514.031, F.S.;
520 providing additional requirements for obtaining a
521 public swimming pool operating permit; amending s.
522 553.37, F.S.; specifying inspection criteria for
523 construction or modification of manufactured buildings
524 or modules; amending s. 553.721, F.S.; revising the
525 allocation of funds from the building permit
526 surcharge; amending s. 553.775, F.S.; authorizing
527 building officials, local enforcement agencies, and
528 the Florida Building Commission to interpret the
529 Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction;
530 specifying procedures for such interpretations;
531 deleting provisions relating to declaratory statements
532 and interpretations of the Florida Accessibility Code



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533 for Building Construction, to conform; amending s.
534 553.79, F.S.; prohibiting a local enforcing agency
535 from issuing a building permit for a public swimming
536 pool without proof of application for an operating
537 permit; requiring issuance of an operating permit
538 before a certificate of completion or occupancy is
539 issued; amending s. 553.841, F.S.; revising education
540 and training requirements of the Florida Building Code
541 Compliance and Mitigation Program; creating s.
542 553.883, F.S.; authorizing use of smoke alarms powered
543 by 10-year nonremovable, nonreplaceable batteries in
544 certain circumstances; requiring use of such alarms by
545 a certain date; amending s. 553.993, F.S.; revising
546 the definition of the term "building energy-efficiency
547 rating system" to require consistency with certain
548 national standards for new construction and existing
549 construction; providing for oversight; amending s.
550 633.202, F.S.; exempting certain tents from the
551 Florida Fire Prevention Code; providing an effective
552 date.