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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Regulated Industries (Thrasher) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 545 and 546

insert:

Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 633.212, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

633.212 Legislative intent; informal interpretations of the Florida Fire Prevention Code.—It is the intent of the Legislature that the Florida Fire Prevention Code be interpreted by fire officials and local enforcement agencies in a manner



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11 that reasonably and cost-effectively protects the public safety,  
12 health, and welfare; ensures uniform interpretations throughout  
13 this state; and provides just and expeditious processes for  
14 resolving disputes regarding such interpretations. It is the  
15 further intent of the Legislature that such processes provide  
16 for the expeditious resolution of the issues presented and that  
17 the resulting interpretation of such issues be published on the  
18 website of the division.

19 (1) The division shall by rule establish an informal  
20 process of rendering nonbinding interpretations of the Florida  
21 Fire Prevention Code. The division may contract with and refer  
22 interpretive issues to a third party, selected based upon cost  
23 effectiveness, quality of services to be performed, and other  
24 performance-based criteria, which has experience in interpreting  
25 and enforcing the Florida Fire Prevention Code. It is the intent  
26 of the Legislature that the division establish a Fire Code  
27 Interpretation Committee composed of seven persons and seven  
28 alternates, equally representing each area of the state, to  
29 which a party can pose questions regarding the interpretation of  
30 the Florida Fire Prevention Code provisions. The alternate  
31 member may respond to a nonbinding interpretation if a ~~the~~  
32 member ~~notifies the Fire Code Interpretation Committee that he~~  
33 ~~or she~~ is unable to respond.

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36 And the title is amended as follows:

37 Delete line 40

38 and insert:

39 Florida Fire Prevention Code; amending s. 633.212,



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40 F.S.; removing the requirement that an alternate  
41 member of the Fire Code Interpretation Committee  
42 provide notice to the committee in order to respond to  
43 a nonbinding interpretation when a member is unable to  
44 respond; providing an effective