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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government (Simpson)  
recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 36 - 76

and insert:

more than 35 persons, and which is not used by the public ~~for~~  
~~direct sales or~~ as an educational outreach facility, is exempt  
from the Florida Fire Prevention Code, including the national  
codes and Life Safety Code incorporated by reference. ~~This~~  
~~paragraph does not include structures used for residential or~~  
~~assembly occupancies, as defined in the Florida Fire Prevention~~



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11 ~~Code.~~

12 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
13 nonresidential farm building is exempt from the Florida Fire  
14 Prevention Code, including the national codes and the Life  
15 Safety Code incorporated by reference, if all of the following  
16 conditions are met:

17 1. The nonresidential farm building is used occasionally by  
18 the owner only for the secondary purposes of assembly, business,  
19 or mercantile occupancy, as defined in the Florida Fire  
20 Prevention Code, and is not used for lodging purposes.

21 2. Each event has less than 100 persons occupying the  
22 building at one time.

23 3. There are at least two means of egress or openings of at  
24 least 36 inches in width and 80 inches in height.

25 4. The nonresidential farm building provides at least 7  
26 square feet per person in attendance if the building is not  
27 concentrated with chairs, tables, or other obstacles, and 15  
28 square feet per person in attendance if the building is  
29 concentrated with chairs, tables, or other obstacles.

30 5. The storage of combustible or flammable liquids inside  
31 the nonresidential farm building during each event is not  
32 permitted.

33 (d) The local fire official may request to be notified of  
34 an event that is subject to the conditions of paragraph (c).

35 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an  
36 agricultural pole barn is exempt from the Florida Fire  
37 Prevention Code, including the national fire codes and the Life  
38 Safety Code incorporated by reference.

39 (f) The State Fire Marshal shall conduct a study on the



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40 secondary use of nonresidential farm buildings as assembly  
41 occupancies that exceed 100 persons in attendance and on the  
42 development of a fire safety evaluation system for  
43 nonresidential farm buildings used as assembly occupancies.

44 1. The State Fire Marshal shall convene a workgroup on or  
45 before September 1, 2015, to assist with the study. The  
46 workgroup must include a representative of the Florida  
47 Agritourism Association, the Florida Farm Bureau, the Department  
48 of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Florida Fire Chiefs  
49 Association, the Florida Professional Firefighters Association,  
50 the Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association, and the  
51 Florida Volunteer Firefighters Association. The workgroup may  
52 include other interested parties.

53 2. If the study determines that the secondary use of  
54 nonresidential farm buildings as described in this paragraph  
55 requires alternative life safety or fire prevention standards  
56 instead of those currently specified in the Florida Fire  
57 Prevention Code, the State Fire Marshal shall in coordination  
58 with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services adopt  
59 the alternative standards by rule. Such rulemaking shall be

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

62 And the title is amended as follows:

63 Delete lines 4 - 6

64 and insert:

65 buildings and agricultural pole barns, rather than  
66 specified structures located on agricultural property,  
67 from the Florida Fire Prevention Code under specified  
68 circumstances; authorizing the local fire official to



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request notification of certain events held in a  
nonresidential farm building;