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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (183756) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 924 and 925
5 insert:

6 Section 25. Section 553.883, Florida Statutes, is amended
7 to read:

8 553.883 Smoke alarms in one-family and two-family dwellings
9 and townhomes.—One-family and two-family dwellings and townhomes
10 undergoing a repair, or a level 1 alteration as defined in the



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11 Florida Building Code, may use smoke alarms powered by 10-year
12 nonremovable, nonreplaceable batteries in lieu of retrofitting
13 such dwelling with smoke alarms powered by the dwelling's
14 electrical system. Effective January 1, 2015, a battery-powered
15 smoke alarm that is newly installed or replaces an existing
16 battery-powered smoke alarm must be powered by a nonremovable,
17 nonreplaceable battery that powers the alarm for at least 10
18 years. The battery requirements of this section do not apply to
19 a fire alarm, smoke detector, smoke alarm, or ancillary
20 component that is electronically connected as a part of a
21 centrally monitored or supervised alarm system; that uses a low-
22 power, radio frequency wireless communication signal; or that
23 contains multiple sensors, such as a smoke alarm combined with a
24 carbon monoxide alarm or other devices as the State Fire Marshal
25 designates through its regulatory process.

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

28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 Delete line 1167

30 and insert:

31 evaluation entity; amending s. 553.883, F.S.; revising
32 the applicability of specified battery requirements
33 for a smoke alarm; amending s. 553.908, F.S.;