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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to applications for building permits;  
3           amending ss. 125.56 and 553.79, F.S.; requiring  
4           counties and local enforcement agencies, respectively,  
5           to post all types of building permit applications on  
6           their websites; specifying the format in which  
7           completed applications must be submitted and the  
8           format in which attachments and drawings may be  
9           submitted; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 125.56, Florida  
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15           125.56 Enforcement and amendment of the Florida Building  
16 Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code; inspection fees;  
17 inspectors; etc.—

18           (4) (a) After adoption of the Florida Building Code by the  
19 Florida Building Commission or the Florida Fire Prevention Code  
20 by the State Fire Marshal, or amendment of the building code or  
21 the fire code as herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any  
22 person, firm, or corporation to construct, erect, alter, repair,  
23 secure, or demolish any building within the territory embraced  
24 by the terms of this act without first obtaining a permit  
25 therefor from the appropriate board of county commissioners, or  
26 from such persons as may by resolution be directed to issue such

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27 | permits, upon the payment of such reasonable fees as shall be  
28 | set forth in the schedule of fees adopted by the board; the  
29 | board is hereby empowered to revoke any such permit upon a  
30 | determination by the board that the construction, erection,  
31 | alteration, repair, securing, or demolition of the building for  
32 | which the permit was issued is in violation of or not in  
33 | conformity with the building code or the fire code.

34 | (b) A county that issues building permits shall post each  
35 | type of building permit application on its website. Completed  
36 | applications must be submitted electronically to the county  
37 | building department. Attachments or drawings required as part of  
38 | the permit application may be submitted in person in a  
39 | nonelectronic format, at the discretion of the building  
40 | official.

41 | Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 553.79, Florida  
42 | Statutes, is amended to read:

43 | 553.79 Permits; applications; issuance; inspections.—

44 | (1) (a) After the effective date of the Florida Building  
45 | Code adopted as herein provided, it shall be unlawful for any  
46 | person, firm, corporation, or governmental entity to construct,  
47 | erect, alter, modify, repair, or demolish any building within  
48 | this state without first obtaining a permit therefor from the  
49 | appropriate enforcing agency or from such persons as may, by  
50 | appropriate resolution or regulation of the authorized state or  
51 | local enforcing agency, be delegated authority to issue such  
52 | permits, upon the payment of such reasonable fees adopted by the

53 enforcing agency. The enforcing agency is empowered to revoke  
54 any such permit upon a determination by the agency that the  
55 construction, erection, alteration, modification, repair, or  
56 demolition of the building for which the permit was issued is in  
57 violation of, or not in conformity with, the provisions of the  
58 Florida Building Code. Whenever a permit required under this  
59 section is denied or revoked because the plan, or the  
60 construction, erection, alteration, modification, repair, or  
61 demolition of a building, is found by the local enforcing agency  
62 to be not in compliance with the Florida Building Code, the  
63 local enforcing agency shall identify the specific plan or  
64 project features that do not comply with the applicable codes,  
65 identify the specific code chapters and sections upon which the  
66 finding is based, and provide this information to the permit  
67 applicant. Installation, replacement, removal, or metering of  
68 any load management control device is exempt from and shall not  
69 be subject to the permit process and fees otherwise required by  
70 this section.

71 (b) A local enforcement agency shall post each type of  
72 building permit application on its website. Completed  
73 applications must be submitted electronically to the appropriate  
74 building department. Attachments or drawings required as part of  
75 the permit application may be submitted in person in a  
76 nonelectronic format, at the discretion of the building  
77 official.

78 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.