

By Senator Campbell

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to firesafety standards; amending s.  
3       633.208, F.S.; authorizing certain buildings to have  
4       specified balcony guard openings; providing  
5       construction; providing an effective date.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9       Section 1. Subsection (11) is added to section 633.208,  
10      Florida Statutes, to read:

11       633.208 Minimum firesafety standards.—

12       (11) (a) A building that was constructed and obtained a  
13      certificate of occupancy before 1965 may have balcony guard  
14      openings that allow passage of a sphere greater than 4 inches in  
15      diameter and less than 42 inches high if:

16       1. The guard was approved as a part of the original  
17      building design;

18       2. The guard is at least 40 inches high; and

19       3. The building is designated as a historic property or as  
20      a contributing property to a historic district, or is eligible  
21      for designation as a local historic property under the local  
22      preservation ordinance.

23       (b) This subsection supersedes any other contrary  
24      provisions in the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

25       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.