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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to building standards for health care
3 facilities; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; providing that
4 the Florida Building Code must require public and
5 private health care facilities to have an operational
6 emergency power source; defining the term "emergency
7 power source"; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Subsection (21) is added to section 553.73,
12 Florida Statutes, to read:

13 553.73 Florida Building Code.—

14 (21) The Florida Building Code must require all public and
15 private health care facilities to have an operational emergency
16 power source. For purposes of this subsection, the term
17 "emergency power source" means a system that provides an
18 independent source of electric power during a loss of power
19 supply and includes a quantity of fuel sufficient to sustain the
20 emergency power source for at least 7 days during a power
21 outage. An emergency power source may include a generator,
22 batteries, and other essential accessories needed to operate the
23 emergency power source.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.