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2 An act relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code;  
3 amending s. 633.202, F.S.; requiring that doorstep  
4 refuse and recycling collection containers be allowed  
5 in exit access corridors of certain apartment  
6 occupancies under certain circumstances; authorizing  
7 authorities having jurisdiction to approve certain  
8 alternative containers and storage arrangements;  
9 requiring such authorities to allow apartment  
10 occupancies a phase-in period until a specified date  
11 to comply; providing for future repeal; providing an  
12 effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsection (20) is added to section 633.202,  
17 Florida Statutes, to read:

18 633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

19 (20) (a) In apartment occupancies with enclosed corridors  
20 served by interior or exterior exit stairs, doorstep refuse and  
21 recycling collection containers, which stand upright on their  
22 own and do not leak liquids when standing upright, must be  
23 allowed in exit access corridors when all of the following  
24 conditions exist:

25 1. The maximum doorstep refuse and recycling collection

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26 | container size does not exceed 13 gallons.

27 | 2. Waste, which is in a doorstep refuse and recycling  
28 | collection container, is not placed in the exit access corridors  
29 | for single periods exceeding 5 hours.

30 | 3. Doorstep refuse and recycling collection containers do  
31 | not occupy the exit access corridors for single periods  
32 | exceeding 12 hours.

33 | 4. Doorstep refuse and recycling collection containers do  
34 | not reduce the means of egress width below that required under  
35 | NFPA Life Safety Code 101:31, as adopted under the Florida Fire  
36 | Prevention Code.

37 | 5. Management staff have written policies and procedures  
38 | in place and enforce them to ensure compliance with this  
39 | paragraph, and, upon request, provide a copy of such policies  
40 | and procedures to the authority having jurisdiction.

41 | (b) In apartment occupancies with open-air corridors or  
42 | balconies served by exterior exit stairs, doorstep refuse and  
43 | recycling collection containers, which stand upright on their  
44 | own and do not leak liquids when standing upright, must be  
45 | allowed in exit access corridors when all of the following  
46 | conditions exist:

47 | 1. The maximum doorstep refuse and recycling collection  
48 | container size does not exceed 27 gallons.

49 | 2. Waste, which is in a doorstep refuse and recycling  
50 | collection container, is not placed in the exit access corridors

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51 for single periods exceeding 5 hours.

52 3. Doorstep refuse and recycling collection containers do  
53 not reduce the means of egress width below that required under  
54 NFPA Life Safety Code 101:31, as adopted under the Florida Fire  
55 Prevention Code.

56 4. Management staff have written policies and procedures  
57 in place and enforce them to ensure compliance with this  
58 paragraph, and, upon request, provide a copy of such policies  
59 and procedures to the authority having jurisdiction.

60 (c) The authority having jurisdiction may approve  
61 alternative containers and storage arrangements that are  
62 demonstrated to provide an equivalent level of safety to that  
63 provided under paragraphs (a) and (b).

64 (d) The authority having jurisdiction shall allow  
65 apartment occupancies a phase-in period until December 31, 2020,  
66 to comply with this subsection.

67 (e) This subsection is repealed on July 1, 2021.

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