

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Bean

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1 A bill to be entitled

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 corridors of certain apartment occupancies
6 under certain circumstances; authorizing authorities
7 having jurisdiction to approve certain alternative
8 containers and storage arrangements; prohibiting such
9 authorities from enforcing specified provisions until
10 a specified date; providing legislative intent;
11 providing for expiration; providing an effective date.
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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Subsection (20) is added to section 633.202,
16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17 633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

18 (20) (a) In apartment occupancies with enclosed corridors
19 served by interior or exterior exit stairs, doorstep refuse and
20 recycling collection containers must be allowed in exit
21 corridors when all of the following conditions exist:

22 1. The maximum waste container size does not exceed 13
23 gallons.

24 2. Waste is not placed in the exit access corridors for
25 single periods exceeding 5 hours.

26 3. Waste containers do not occupy the exit access corridors
27 for single periods exceeding 12 hours.

28 4. Waste containers do not reduce the means of egress width
29 below that required under NFPA Life Safety Code 101:31, as

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30 adopted under the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

31 5. Management staff have written policies and procedures in
32 place and enforce them to ensure compliance with this
33 subsection, and, upon request, provide a copy of such policies
34 and procedures to the authority having jurisdiction.

35 (b) In apartment occupancies with open-air corridors or
36 balconies served by exterior exit stairs, doorstep refuse and
37 recycling collection containers must be allowed in exit
38 corridors when all of the following conditions exist:

39 1. The maximum waste container size does not exceed 27
40 gallons.

41 2. Waste is not placed in the exit access corridors for
42 single periods exceeding 5 hours.

43 3. Waste containers do not reduce the means of egress width
44 below that required under NFPA Life Safety Code 101:31, as
45 adopted under the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

46 4. Management staff have written policies and procedures in
47 place and enforce them to ensure compliance with this
48 subsection, and, upon request, provide a copy of such policies
49 and procedures to the authority having jurisdiction.

50 (c) The authority having jurisdiction may approve
51 alternative containers and storage arrangements that are
52 demonstrated to provide an equivalent level of safety to that
53 provided under paragraphs (a) and (b).

54 (d) The authority having jurisdiction may not enforce
55 subparagraphs (a)1. and (b)1. until January 1, 2020.

56 (e) It is the intent of the Legislature to allow doorstep
57 refuse and recycling collection containers in exit corridors
58 pursuant to this subsection until adoption of the next edition

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59 of the Florida Fire Prevention Code. The Legislature intends
60 that this subsection does not establish precedent regarding
61 standards for doorstep refuse and recycling collection
62 containers in exit corridors in subsequent editions of the
63 Florida Fire Prevention Code and that the State Fire Marshal
64 exercise independent discretion when adopting such standards.

65 (f) This subsection expires January 1, 2021.

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