

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Gruters

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to insulation products; creating s.  
3       553.843, F.S.; requiring manufacturers to provide  
4       certain testing data for approval of certain  
5       insulation products under the Florida Building Code;  
6       requiring the manufacturer to provide the testing data  
7       to certain persons upon request; specifying that  
8       evaluation reports may only be used for certain  
9       purposes; providing requirements for evaluation  
10      reports; requiring the testing lab to have a certain  
11      accreditation; specifying that failure to provide the  
12      testing data is a violation of the Florida Deceptive  
13      and Unfair Trade Practices Act; providing an effective  
14      date.

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

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18       Section 1. Section 553.843, Florida Statutes, is created to  
19       read:

20       553.843 Approval of interior building envelope insulation  
21       products.—

22       (1) In order for interior building envelope insulation  
23       products that are not subject to s. 553.842 to be approved under  
24       the Florida Building Code, manufacturers must provide current  
25       testing data, which includes the test lab where a product was  
26       tested, the test report number, and the date on which the  
27       testing took place. This testing data must conform to the  
28       current Florida Building Code as it relates to the standards for  
29       individual insulation products, must meet standards set forth by

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30 the American Society for Testing and Materials, and must comply  
31 with the Federal Trade Commission's regulations in 16 C.F.R.  
32 part 460.

33 (2) Such testing data must be provided to building code  
34 officials and building professionals upon request. Evaluation  
35 reports may only be used as supporting documentation to the  
36 testing data. The report must be for a single product and must  
37 contain the test lab where a product was tested, the test report  
38 number, and the date on which the testing took place. The test  
39 lab must be accredited by a national organization such as the  
40 American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) or the  
41 National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program of the  
42 National Institute of Standards and Technology.

43 (3) Failure to comply with this section constitutes a  
44 violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices  
45 Act under part II of chapter 501.

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.