

By Senator Gibson

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1                           A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Florida Building Code; amending  
3       s. 553.73, F.S.; authorizing the Florida Building  
4       Commission to adopt certain triennial amendments;  
5       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. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (7) of  
10      section 553.73, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

11       553.73 Florida Building Code.—

12       (7) (a) The commission shall adopt an updated Florida  
13      Building Code every 3 years through review of the most current  
14      updates of the International Building Code, the International  
15      Fuel Gas Code, International Existing Building Code, the  
16      International Mechanical Code, the International Plumbing Code,  
17      and the International Residential Code, all of which are  
18      copyrighted and published by the International Code Council, and  
19      the National Electrical Code, which is copyrighted and published  
20      by the National Fire Protection Association. At a minimum, the  
21      commission shall adopt any updates to such codes or any other  
22      code necessary to maintain eligibility for federal funding and  
23      discounts from the National Flood Insurance Program, the Federal  
24      Emergency Management Agency, and the United States Department of  
25      Housing and Urban Development. The commission shall also review  
26      and adopt updates based on the International Energy Conservation  
27      Code (IECC); however, the commission shall maintain the  
28      efficiencies of the Florida Energy Efficiency Code for Building  
29      Construction adopted and amended pursuant to s. 553.901. The

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30 commission may approve triennial amendments to the Florida  
31 Building Code without a finding that the amendments are needed  
32 in order to accommodate the specific needs of this state. The  
33 commission shall adopt updated codes by rule.

34 (c) The commission may also adopt as a technical amendment  
35 to the Florida Building Code any portion of the codes identified  
36 in paragraph (a), but only as needed to accommodate the specific  
37 needs of this state. Standards or criteria adopted from these  
38 codes shall be incorporated by reference to the specific  
39 provisions adopted. If a referenced standard or criterion  
40 requires amplification or modification to be appropriate for use  
41 in this state, only the amplification or modification shall be  
42 set forth in the Florida Building Code. The commission may  
43 approve technical amendments to the updated Florida Building  
44 Code after the amendments have been subject to the conditions  
45 set forth in paragraphs (3) (a)-(d). Amendments that are adopted  
46 in accordance with this subsection shall be clearly marked in  
47 printed versions of the Florida Building Code so that the fact  
48 that the provisions are amendments is readily apparent.

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