

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and 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 January 1, 2020.