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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to fire prevention and control;
3 amending s. 633.202, F.S.; requiring the authority
4 having jurisdiction to determine certain minimum radio
5 signal strength requirements for all new and existing
6 buildings; authorizing the use of radio communication
7 enhancement systems to comply with minimum radio
8 signal strength requirements; revising the transitory
9 period for compliance; revising the date by which
10 existing apartment buildings that are not in
11 compliance must initiate an application for an
12 appropriate permit; amending s. 843.16, F.S.;
13 providing an exception to the prohibition against
14 installing or transporting certain radio equipment
15 using law enforcement or fire rescue frequencies;
16 providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Subsection (18) of section 633.202, Florida
21 Statutes, is amended to read:

22 633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

23 (18) The authority having jurisdiction shall determine the
24 minimum radio signal strength for fire department communications
25 in all new ~~high-rise~~ and existing ~~high-rise~~ buildings. Two-way
26 radio communication enhancement systems may be used to comply
27 with minimum radio signal strength requirements. Existing
28 buildings are not required to comply with minimum radio strength
29 for fire department communications and two-way radio system

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30 enhancement communications as required by the Florida Fire
31 Prevention Code until January 1, 2027 ~~2022~~. However, by December
32 31, 2024 ~~2019~~, an existing building that is not in compliance
33 with the requirements for minimum radio strength for fire
34 department communications must apply for an appropriate permit
35 for the required installation with the local government agency
36 having jurisdiction and must demonstrate that the building will
37 become compliant by January 1, 2027 ~~2022~~. Existing apartment
38 buildings are not required to comply until January 1, 2030 ~~2025~~.
39 However, existing apartment buildings are required to apply for
40 the appropriate permit for the required communications
41 installation by December 31, 2027 ~~2022~~.

42 Section 2. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (3) of
43 section 843.16, Florida Statutes, to read:

44 843.16 Unlawful to install or transport radio equipment
45 using assigned frequency of state or law enforcement officers;
46 definitions; exceptions; penalties.—

47 (3) This section does not apply to the following:

48 (f) The installation of a two-way radio communication
49 enhancement system to comply with the requirements of s.
50 633.202(18).

51 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.