

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating fire department communications;
 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
 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).

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