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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to product evaluation; amending s.
3 553.842, F.S.; requiring the Florida Building
4 Commission to approve a specified evaluation entity;
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. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section
10 553.842, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 553.842 Product evaluation and approval.—

12 (8) The commission may adopt rules to approve the following
13 types of entities that produce information on which product
14 approvals are based. All of the following entities, including
15 engineers and architects, must comply with a nationally
16 recognized standard demonstrating independence or no conflict of
17 interest:

18 (a) Evaluation entities approved pursuant to this
19 paragraph. The commission shall specifically approve the
20 National Evaluation Service, the International Association of
21 Plumbing and Mechanical Officials Evaluation Service, the
22 International Code Council Evaluation Services, Underwriters
23 Laboratories, LLC, Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc., ~~and~~ the
24 Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance Office Product
25 Control Division, and NEMO ETC, LLC. Architects and engineers
26 licensed in this state are also approved to conduct product
27 evaluations as provided in subsection (5).

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.