

By Senator Boyd

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to two-way radio communication  
3       enhancement systems; amending s. 633.202, F.S.;  
4       authorizing the use of two-way radio communication  
5       enhancement systems to comply with certain radio  
6       signal strength requirements in the Florida Fire  
7       Prevention Code; specifying that such systems or  
8       equivalent systems are not required in certain  
9       apartment buildings; providing an effective date.

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

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

15       633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

16       (18) The authority having jurisdiction shall determine the  
17 minimum radio signal strength for fire department communications  
18 in all new high-rise and existing high-rise buildings. Two-way  
19 radio communication enhancement systems or equivalent systems  
20 may be used to comply with the minimum radio signal strength  
21 requirements. However, two-way radio communication enhancement  
22 systems or equivalent systems are not required in apartment  
23 buildings that are 75 feet or less in height. Existing buildings  
24 are not required to comply with minimum radio strength for fire  
25 department communications and two-way radio communication  
26 enhancement systems ~~system enhancement communications~~ as  
27 required by the Florida Fire Prevention Code until January 1,  
28 2025. However, by January 1, 2024, an existing building that is  
29 not in compliance with the requirements for minimum radio

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30 strength for fire department communications must apply for an  
31 appropriate permit for the required installation with the local  
32 government agency having jurisdiction and must demonstrate that  
33 the building will become compliant by January 1, 2025. Existing  
34 apartment buildings are not required to comply until January 1,  
35 2025. However, existing apartment buildings are required to  
36 apply for the appropriate permit for the required communications  
37 installation by January 1, 2024.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.