

By the Committee on Rules; and 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; requiring that owners of such
10 apartment buildings provide certain documentation to
11 the applicable authority; providing an effective date.

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

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

17 633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

18 (18) The authority having jurisdiction shall determine the
19 minimum radio signal strength for fire department communications
20 in all new high-rise and existing high-rise buildings. Two-way
21 radio communication enhancement systems or equivalent systems
22 may be used to comply with the minimum radio signal strength
23 requirements. However, two-way radio communication enhancement
24 systems or equivalent systems are not required in apartment
25 buildings 75 feet or less in height with the exterior components
26 constructed of wood frame. Evidence of wood frame construction
27 shall be shown by the property owner providing building permit
28 documentation which identifies the construction type as wood
29 frame. Existing buildings are not required to comply with

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30 minimum radio strength for fire department communications and
31 two-way radio communication enhancement systems ~~system~~
32 ~~enhancement communications~~ as required by the Florida Fire
33 Prevention Code until January 1, 2025. However, by January 1,
34 2024, an existing building that is not in compliance with the
35 requirements for minimum radio strength for fire department
36 communications must apply for an appropriate permit for the
37 required installation with the local government agency having
38 jurisdiction and must demonstrate that the building will become
39 compliant by January 1, 2025. Existing apartment buildings are
40 not required to comply until January 1, 2025. However, existing
41 apartment buildings are required to apply for the appropriate
42 permit for the required communications installation by January
43 1, 2024.

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