

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to building construction policies;
 3 amending s. 255.0525, F.S.; prohibiting the state, a
 4 county, a municipality, or another political
 5 subdivision from requiring participation in a paid
 6 subscription service to access the details of certain
 7 solicitations of competitive bids or proposals for
 8 construction projects; amending s. 553.79, F.S.;
 9 prohibiting a local enforcing agency from making or
 10 requiring any substantive change to certain plans and
 11 specifications; providing an exception; providing an
 12 effective date.

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

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 16 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 255.0525, Florida
 17 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (6), and new subsection
 18 (5) is added to that section to read:

19 255.0525 Advertising for competitive bids or proposals.—

20 (5) The state, a county, a municipality, or another
 21 political subdivision may not require participation in a paid
 22 subscription service to access the details of a solicitation of
 23 competitive bids or proposals for a construction project that is
 24 required to be publicly advertised under this section.

25 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 553.79, Florida

26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 553.79 Permits; applications; issuance; inspections.—

28 (2) Except as provided in subsection (8), an enforcing
29 agency may not issue any permit for construction, erection,
30 alteration, modification, repair, or demolition of any building
31 or structure until the local building code administrator or
32 inspector has reviewed the plans and specifications required by
33 the Florida Building Code, or local amendment thereto, for such
34 proposal and found the plans to be in compliance with the
35 Florida Building Code. If the local building code administrator
36 or inspector finds that the plans are not in compliance with the
37 Florida Building Code, the local building code administrator or
38 inspector shall identify the specific plan features that do not
39 comply with the applicable codes, identify the specific code
40 chapters and sections upon which the finding is based, and
41 provide this information to the local enforcing agency. The
42 local enforcing agency shall provide this information to the
43 permit applicant. After the local building code administrator or
44 inspector issues a permit, the local enforcing agency may not
45 make or require any substantive change to the plans or
46 specifications except those required for compliance with the
47 Florida Building Code. In addition, an enforcing agency may not
48 issue any permit for construction, erection, alteration,
49 modification, repair, or demolition of any building until the
50 appropriate firesafety inspector certified pursuant to s.

51 633.216 has reviewed the plans and specifications required by
52 the Florida Building Code, or local amendment thereto, for such
53 proposal and found that the plans comply with the Florida Fire
54 Prevention Code and the Life Safety Code. Any building or
55 structure which is not subject to a firesafety code shall not be
56 required to have its plans reviewed by the firesafety inspector.
57 Any building or structure that is exempt from the local building
58 permit process may not be required to have its plans reviewed by
59 the local building code administrator. Industrial construction
60 on sites where design, construction, and firesafety are
61 supervised by appropriate design and inspection professionals
62 and which contain adequate in-house fire departments and rescue
63 squads is exempt, subject to local government option, from
64 review of plans and inspections, providing owners certify that
65 applicable codes and standards have been met and supply
66 appropriate approved drawings to local building and firesafety
67 inspectors. The enforcing agency shall issue a permit to
68 construct, erect, alter, modify, repair, or demolish any
69 building or structure when the plans and specifications for such
70 proposal comply with the Florida Building Code and the Florida
71 Fire Prevention Code and the Life Safety Code as determined by
72 the local authority in accordance with this chapter and chapter
73 633.

74 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.