

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Florida Building Code and Florida
 3 Fire Prevention Code rules; amending ss. 553.73 and
 4 633.202, F.S.; providing that updates to the Florida
 5 Building Code and Florida Fire Prevention Code,
 6 respectively, take effect by a specified period upon
 7 approval by certain entities; providing an effective
 8 date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (7) of section
 13 553.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 553.73 Florida Building Code.—

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16 (e) A rule updating the Florida Building Code in
 17 accordance with this subsection shall take effect no sooner than
 18 6 months after the latest occurrence of the publication of the
 19 updated Florida Building Code, approval by the commission of
 20 energy code compliance software, or the publication of the
 21 updated Florida Fire Prevention Code pursuant to s. 633.202. Any
 22 amendment to the Florida Building Code ~~which is~~ adopted upon a
 23 finding by the commission that the amendment is necessary to
 24 protect the public from immediate threat of harm takes effect
 25 immediately.

26 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 633.202, Florida
27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28 633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

29 (4) The State Fire Marshal shall update, by rule adopted
30 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, the Florida Fire
31 Prevention Code every 3 years. Once initially adopted and
32 subsequently updated, the Florida Fire Prevention Code shall be
33 adopted for use statewide without adoptions by local governments
34 and shall take effect no sooner than 6 months after the latest
35 occurrence of the publication of the updated Florida Building
36 Code pursuant to s. 553.73, approval by the Florida Building
37 Commission of energy code compliance software, or the
38 publication of the updated Florida Fire Prevention Code. When
39 updating the Florida Fire Prevention Code, the State Fire
40 Marshal shall consider changes made by the national model fire
41 codes incorporated into the Florida Fire Prevention Code, the
42 State Fire Marshal's own interpretations, declaratory
43 statements, appellate decisions, and approved statewide and
44 local technical amendments.

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