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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	specifying that the authority having jurisdiction
5	determines the minimum radio signal strength for all
6	new and existing buildings; authorizing the use of
7	two-way radio communication enhancement systems to
8	comply with certain radio signal strength requirements
9	in the Florida Fire Prevention Code; exempting certain
10	apartment buildings from requiring two-way radio
11	communication enhancement systems; requiring an owner
12	to show certain permit documentation under certain
13	circumstances; providing that existing high-rise
14	buildings, as defined by the Florida Building Code,
15	must comply with specified minimum radio strength
16	requirements by specified dates; providing an
17	effective date.
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19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21	Section 1. Subsection (18) of section 633.202, Florida
22	Statutes, is amended to read:
23	633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code
24	(18) The authority having jurisdiction shall determine the
25	minimum radio signal strength for fire department communications
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26 in all new high-rise and existing high-rise buildings. Two-way 27 radio communication enhancement systems or equivalent systems 28 may be used to comply with the minimum radio signal strength 29 requirements. However, two-way radio communication enhancement 30 systems or equivalent systems are not required in apartment buildings 75 feet or less in height that are constructed using 31 32 wood framing, provided that the building has fewer than 150 33 dwelling units and that all dwelling units discharge to the 34 exterior or to a corridor that leads directly to an exit as 35 defined by the Florida Building Code. Evidence of wood frame 36 construction shall be shown by the owner providing building 37 permit documentation which identifies the construction type as wood frame. Existing high-rise buildings, as defined by the 38 39 Florida Building Code, are not required to comply with minimum 40 radio strength for fire department communications and two-way 41 radio communication enhancement systems system enhancement 42 communications as required by the Florida Fire Prevention Code 43 until January 1, 2025. However, by January 1, 2024, an existing 44 high-rise building that is not in compliance with the 45 requirements for minimum radio strength for fire department 46 communications must apply for an appropriate permit for the 47 required installation with the local government agency having 48 jurisdiction and must demonstrate that the building will become compliant by January 1, 2025. Existing high-rise apartment 49 buildings are not required to comply until January 1, 2025. 50

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51 However, existing high-rise apartment buildings are required to

52 apply for the appropriate permit for the required communications

- 53 installation by January 1, 2024.
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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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