

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to unlawful demolition of historical
 3 structures and landmarks; amending s. 162.09, F.S.;
 4 providing for enhanced fines for the unlawful
 5 demolition of certain historical structures or
 6 landmarks; providing that fines may not exceed a
 7 specified amount; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of
 12 section 162.09, Florida Statutes, to read:

13 162.09 Administrative fines; costs of repair; liens.—
 14 (2)

15 (e) The demolition of a structure individually listed on,
 16 or contributing to, the National Register of Historic Places may
 17 be the basis for an enhanced fine if the code enforcement board
 18 or special magistrate makes specific findings based on
 19 competent, substantial evidence that the demolition of the
 20 historic structure or landmark was not permitted and was not the
 21 result of a natural disaster. Fines imposed by the code
 22 enforcement board or special magistrate may not to exceed an
 23 amount that is 20 percent of the value of the property as
 24 identified in the property appraiser's evaluation of its fair
 25 market value.

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26 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024. |