By Senator Ingoglia

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to building permits for a single-family dwelling; amending ss. 125.56 and 553.79, F.S.; prohibiting the expiration of certain building permits issued by a county or a local government, respectively, before a specified event; amending s. 553.792, F.S.; specifying that certain permit applications are deemed approved by a local government; requiring the local government to issue such permit within a certain timeframe; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section 125.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.56 Enforcement and amendment of the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code; inspection fees; inspectors; etc.—

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(d) A county that issues building permits may send a written notice of expiration, by e-mail or United States Postal Service, to the owner of the property and the contractor listed on the permit, no less than 30 days before a building permit is set to expire. The written notice must identify the permit that is set to expire and the date the permit will expire. A building permit issued by a county for a single-family dwelling may not expire before the effective date of the next edition of the Florida Building Code, which is updated every 3 years pursuant

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to s. 553.73(7)(a).

Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 553.79, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

553.79 Permits; applications; issuance; inspections.

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(c) A local government that issues building permits may send a written notice of expiration, by e-mail or United States Postal Service, to the owner of the property and the contractor listed on the permit, no less than 30 days before a building permit is set to expire. The written notice must identify the permit that is set to expire and the date the permit will expire. A building permit issued by a local government under this section for a single-family dwelling may not expire before the effective date of the next edition of the Florida Building Code, which is updated every 3 years pursuant to s.

45 553.73(7)(a).

> Section 3. Present paragraphs (b) through (g) of subsection (1) of section 553.792, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (c) through (h), respectively, and a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection, to read:

553.792 Building permit application to local government.-(1)

(b) A permit application for the construction of a singlefamily dwelling in a jurisdiction for which a state of emergency was issued within the 24 months before the application, and which is signed and sealed with an attestation by an architect licensed under chapter 481 or an engineer licensed under chapter 471 that the plans in the permit comply with the Florida Building Code, is deemed approved. The local government shall

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