

By Senator Leek

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to unlawful demolition of historical
3 buildings and structures; amending s. 162.09, F.S.;
4 authorizing a code enforcement board or special
5 magistrate to impose a fine that exceeds certain
6 limits for the unlawful demolition of certain
7 historical buildings or structures under certain
8 circumstances; providing that such fine may not exceed
9 a certain percentage of just market valuation;
10 providing an effective date.

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

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

16 162.09 Administrative fines; costs of repair; liens.-
17 (2)

18 (e) For the demolition of a building or structure that is
19 individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places
20 as defined in s. 267.021 or is a contributing resource to a
21 National Register-listed district, a code enforcement board or
22 special magistrate may impose a fine that exceeds the limits of
23 this subsection if the code enforcement board or special
24 magistrate finds, based on competent substantial evidence, that
25 the demolition of the building or structure was knowing and
26 willful and was not permitted or the result of a natural
27 disaster. A fine imposed pursuant to this paragraph may not
28 exceed 20 percent of the fair or just market valuation of the
29 property before demolition of the building or structure, as

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30 determined by the property appraiser.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.