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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Commerce Committee
Representative Griffitts offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 125.572, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

125.572 Regulation of synthetic turf.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "synthetic turf" means a manufactured product that resembles natural grass and is used as a surface for landscaping and recreational areas.

(2) The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt minimum standards for the installation of synthetic turf on single-family residential properties 1 acre or less in size. The standards must take into account material type, color, permeability, stormwater management, potable water conservation,

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water quality, proximity to trees and other vegetation, and other factors impacting environmental conditions of adjacent properties.

(3) Upon the Department of Environmental Protection adopting rules pursuant to subsection (4), a local government may not:

(a) Adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, order, rule, or policy that prohibits, or is enforced to prohibit, a property owner from installing synthetic turf that complies with Department of Environmental Protection standards adopted pursuant to this section which apply to single-family residential property.

(b) Adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, order, rule, or policy that regulates synthetic turf which is inconsistent with the Department of Environmental Protection standards adopted pursuant to this section which apply to single-family residential property.

(4) The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 2. Section 218.755, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

218.755 Prompt processing of change orders.—Beginning on or after July 1, 2025, if a local governmental entity receives from its contractor a price quote for a change order requested or issued by the local governmental entity for construction

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services, and the price quote conforms to all statutory requirements and contractual requirements for the project, the local governmental entity must approve or deny the price quote and send written notice of that decision to the contractor within 35 days after receipt of such quote. A denial notice must specify the alleged deficiencies in the price quote and the actions necessary to remedy those deficiencies. If the local governmental entity fails to provide the contractor with a notice in compliance with this section, the change order and price quote are deemed approved, and the local governmental entity must pay the contractor the amount stated in the price quote upon the completion of the change order. A contract between a local governmental entity and a contractor may not alter the local governmental entity's duties under this section.

Section 3. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of section 255.0992, Florida Statutes, to read:

255.0992 Public works projects; prohibited governmental actions.—

(2) Except as required by federal or state law, the state or any political subdivision that contracts for a public works project may not take the following actions:

(d) When scoring or evaluating bids for a public works project, penalize a bidder for performing a larger volume of construction work for the state or political subdivision or reward a bidder for performing a smaller volume of construction work for the state or political subdivision.

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Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 399.035, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

399.035 Elevator accessibility requirements for the physically handicapped.—

(1) Each elevator, the installation of which is begun after October 1, 1990, must be made accessible to physically handicapped persons with the following requirements:

(b) Each elevator car interior must have a support rail on at least one wall. All support rails must be smooth and have no sharp edges and must not be more than 1 1/2 inches thick or 2 1/2 inches in diameter. At least one support rail ~~Support rails~~ must be continuous and a minimum length of 42 inches overall. The inside surface of support rails must be 1 1/2 inches clear of the car wall. The distance from the top of the support rail to the finished car floor must be at least 31 inches and not more than 33 inches. Padded or tufted material or decorative materials such as wallpaper, vinyl, cloth, or the like may not be used on support rails.

Section 5. Paragraphs (j), (k), and (l) of subsection (3) of section 489.105, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

489.105 Definitions.—As used in this part:

(3) "Contractor" means the person who is qualified for, and is only responsible for, the project contracted for and means, except as exempted in this part, the person who, for compensation, undertakes to, submits a bid to, or does himself

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93 or herself or by others construct, repair, alter, remodel, add
94 to, demolish, subtract from, or improve any building or
95 structure, including related improvements to real estate, for
96 others or for resale to others; and whose job scope is
97 substantially similar to the job scope described in one of the
98 paragraphs of this subsection. For the purposes of regulation
99 under this part, the term "demolish" applies only to demolition
100 of steel tanks more than 50 feet in height; towers more than 50
101 feet in height; other structures more than 50 feet in height;
102 and all buildings or residences. Contractors are subdivided into
103 two divisions, Division I, consisting of those contractors
104 defined in paragraphs (a)-(c), and Division II, consisting of
105 those contractors defined in paragraphs (d)-(q):

106 (j) "Commercial pool/spa contractor" means a contractor
107 whose scope of work includes ~~involves~~, but is not limited to,
108 all phases of the construction, repair, renovation, remodel,
109 deconstruction, and servicing of a ~~any~~ swimming pool, ~~or~~ hot
110 tub, ~~or~~ spa, splash pad or other interactive water feature,
111 decorative water feature, public bathing place, or swimming pool
112 or spa appurtenance, whether public, private, or otherwise,
113 regardless of use.

114 1. The scope of such work includes, but is not limited to,
115 all of the following:

116 a. The scope of work of a swimming pool/spa servicing
117 contractor.

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118 b. The connection, replacement, disconnection, or
119 reconnection of power wiring on the load side of the dedicated
120 existing electrical circuit disconnect means for swimming pool,
121 spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature equipment.

122 c. The installation of equipotential bonding; swimming
123 pool, spa, or hot tub lighting; light transformers; light
124 conduit; and any cleaning or sanitizing equipment that requires
125 at least partial disassembling.

126 d. The construction of uninhabitable equipment rooms or
127 housing for swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water
128 feature equipment for the protection of the equipment from
129 outside elements or preventing unauthorized access.

130 e. Excavation and earthmoving only as required for the
131 installation of swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, or interactive
132 water features.

133 f. The operation of construction pumps for dewatering
134 purposes for swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water
135 feature excavation sites and draining swimming pools, spas, hot
136 tubs, or interactive water features.

137 g. The installation of rebar or similar support materials
138 for swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature
139 structures, and the shaping and shooting of gunite dry mix and
140 wet mix, concrete, or similar product mix used in the
141 construction of swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, or interactive
142 water features.

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143 h. The installation of fiberglass swimming pool, spa, or
144 hot tub shells and vinyl swimming pool, spa, or hot tub liners.

145 i. The application and removal of all interior swimming
146 pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature finishes.

147 j. The construction, maintenance, or remodel of decorative
148 or interactive water features, displays, or areas that use
149 recirculated water, including fountains, waterfalls, and spray
150 nozzles.

151 k. The installation of all swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or
152 interactive water feature piping, including, but not limited to,
153 drain piping, perimeter piping, and circulation or filter piping
154 used in the construction of swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, or
155 decorative or interactive water feature displays or areas.

156 l. The construction and installation of retaining walls,
157 concrete flatwork, pavers and bricks, and footings for the
158 construction of a swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive
159 water feature, whether newly constructed or additions to or
160 remodels of existing swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, or
161 interactive water features ~~The installation, repair, or~~
162 ~~replacement of existing equipment, any cleaning or equipment~~
163 ~~sanitizing that requires at least a partial disassembling,~~
164 ~~excluding filter changes, and the installation of new pool/spa~~
165 ~~equipment, interior finishes, the installation of package pool~~
166 ~~heaters, the installation of all perimeter piping and filter~~
167 ~~piping, and the construction of equipment rooms or housing for~~

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~~pool/spa equipment, and also includes the scope of work of a swimming pool/spa servicing contractor.~~

2. The scope of ~~such~~ work does not include direct connections to a sanitary sewer system or to potable water lines, the installation or upgrade of dedicated electrical disconnect or electrical circuits, or any work inside a main electrical panel. ~~The installation, construction, modification, or replacement of equipment permanently attached to and associated with the pool or spa for the purpose of water treatment or cleaning of the pool or spa requires licensure; however,~~

3. The use ~~usage~~ of swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature ~~such~~ equipment for the purposes of water treatment or cleaning does not require licensure unless such use ~~the usage~~ involves installation ~~construction~~, modification, or replacement of such equipment. Water treatment that does not require such equipment; filter media changes; or the cleaning of a swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature, or its associated equipment, which does not affect the structural integrity of the swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature, does not require a license. ~~In addition, a license is not required for the cleaning of the pool or spa in a way that does not affect the structural integrity of the pool or spa or its associated equipment.~~

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(k) "Residential pool/spa contractor" means a contractor whose scope of work is the same as a commercial pool/spa contractor under paragraph (j), except a residential pool/spa contractor may not construct any new commercial swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or public bathing place ~~means a contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the construction, repair, and servicing of a residential swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, regardless of use. The scope of work includes the installation, repair, or replacement of existing equipment, any cleaning or equipment sanitizing that requires at least a partial disassembling, excluding filter changes, and the installation of new pool/spa equipment, interior finishes, the installation of package pool heaters, the installation of all perimeter piping and filter piping, and the construction of equipment rooms or housing for pool/spa equipment, and also includes the scope of work of a swimming pool/spa servicing contractor. The scope of such work does not include direct connections to a sanitary sewer system or to potable water lines. The installation, construction, modification, or replacement of equipment permanently attached to and associated with the pool or spa for the purpose of water treatment or cleaning of the pool or spa requires licensure; however, the usage of such equipment for the purposes of water treatment or cleaning does not require licensure unless the usage involves construction, modification, or replacement of such equipment.~~

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~~Water treatment that does not require such equipment does not require a license. In addition, a license is not required for the cleaning of the pool or spa in a way that does not affect the structural integrity of the pool or spa or its associated equipment.~~

(1) "Swimming pool/spa servicing contractor" means a contractor whose scope of work includes ~~involves~~, but is not limited to, all aspects of the repair, renovation, remodeling, or and servicing of a swimming pool, or hot tub, or spa, splash pad or other interactive water feature, decorative water feature, public bathing place, or swimming pool or spa appurtenance, whether public or private, or otherwise, regardless of use.

1. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

a. The installation, repair, or replacement of all swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature equipment, including, but not limited to, pool pumps; filters; feeders; controllers; and commercially available swimming pool, spa, or hot tub heaters, whether electric, gas, or solar.

b. The connection, replacement, disconnection, or reconnection of power wiring on the load side of the dedicated existing electrical circuit disconnect means for swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature equipment.

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241 c. The repair or replacement of equipotential bonding;
242 swimming pool, spa, or hot tub lighting; light transformers;
243 light conduit; and any cleaning or sanitizing equipment that
244 requires at least partial disassembling.

245 d. The repair of uninhabitable equipment rooms or housing
246 for swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature
247 equipment.

248 e. The repair or replacement of all perimeter piping and
249 filter piping.

250 f. The substantial or complete draining of a swimming
251 pool, spa, or hot tub for repair or renovation and the operation
252 of construction pumps for dewatering purposes for drained
253 swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, or interactive water features.

254 g. The removal and reapplication of all interior swimming
255 pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature finishes.

256 h. The installation, repair, or replacement of all tile
257 and coping for a swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive
258 water feature ~~the repair or replacement of existing equipment,~~
259 ~~any cleaning or equipment sanitizing that requires at least a~~
260 ~~partial disassembling, excluding filter changes, and the~~
261 ~~installation of new pool/spa equipment, interior refinishing,~~
262 ~~the reinstallation or addition of pool heaters, the repair or~~
263 ~~replacement of all perimeter piping and filter piping, the~~
264 ~~repair of equipment rooms or housing for pool/spa equipment, and~~

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~~the substantial or complete draining of a swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, for the purpose of repair or renovation.~~

2. The scope of the ~~such~~ work does not include direct connections to a sanitary sewer system or to potable water lines, the installation or upgrade of dedicated electrical disconnect or electrical circuits, or any work inside a main electrical panel. ~~The installation, construction, modification, substantial or complete disassembly, or replacement of equipment permanently attached to and associated with the pool or spa for the purpose of water treatment or cleaning of the pool or spa requires licensure; however,~~

3. The use ~~usage~~ of swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature ~~such~~ equipment for the purposes of water treatment or cleaning does not require licensure unless such use ~~the usage~~ involves installation ~~construction, modification, substantial or complete disassembly, or replacement of such equipment.~~ Water treatment that does not require such equipment; filter media changes; or the cleaning of a swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature, or its associated equipment which does not affect the structural integrity of the swimming pool, spa, hot tub, or interactive water feature does not require a license. ~~In addition, a license is not required for the cleaning of the pool or spa in a way that does not affect the structural integrity of the pool or spa or its associated equipment.~~

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Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 489.113, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.113 Qualifications for practice; restrictions.—

(3) A contractor shall subcontract all electrical, mechanical, plumbing, roofing, sheet metal, swimming pool, and air-conditioning work, unless such contractor holds a state certificate or registration in the respective trade category, however:

(c) A general or building contractor may ~~shall~~ not be required to subcontract structural swimming pool or pool wet deck area work. All other swimming pool work must ~~shall~~ be subcontracted to an appropriately licensed certified or registered swimming pool contractor. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "pool wet deck area" means the 4-foot-wide unobstructed pool deck area around the outside of the pool water perimeter, curb, ladders, handrails, diving boards, diving towers, pool slides, waterfalls, water features, starting blocks, planters, or lifeguard chairs.

Section 7. Subsection (7) of section 489.505, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

489.505 Definitions.—As used in this part:

(7) "Certified alarm system contractor" means an alarm system contractor who possesses a certificate of competency issued by the department. The scope of certification is limited to alarm circuits originating in the alarm control panel and

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equipment governed by the applicable provisions of Articles 722,
725, 760, 770, 800, and 810 of the National Electrical Code,
Current Edition, and National Fire Protection Association
Standard 72, Current Edition. The scope of certification for
alarm system contractors also includes the installation, repair,
fabrication, erection, alteration, addition, or design of
electrical wiring, fixtures, appliances, thermostats, apparatus,
raceways, and conduit, or any part thereof not to exceed 98
volts (RMS), when those items are for the purpose of
transmitting data or proprietary video (satellite systems that
are not part of a community antenna television or radio
distribution system) or providing central vacuum capability,
surveillance cameras, or electric locks; however, this provision
governing the scope of certification does not create any
mandatory licensure requirement.

**Section 8. Subsection (10) of section 553.73, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:**

553.73 Florida Building Code.—

(10) The following buildings, structures, and facilities
are exempt from the Florida Building Code as provided by law,
and any further exemptions shall be as determined by the
Legislature and provided by law:

(a) Buildings and structures specifically regulated and
preempted by the Federal Government.

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339 (b) Railroads and ancillary facilities associated with the
340 railroad.

341 (c) Nonresidential farm buildings on farms.

342 (d) Temporary buildings or sheds used exclusively for
343 construction purposes.

344 (e) Mobile or modular structures used as temporary
345 offices, except that the provisions of part II relating to
346 accessibility by persons with disabilities apply to such mobile
347 or modular structures.

348 (f) Those structures or facilities of electric utilities,
349 as defined in s. 366.02, which are directly involved in the
350 generation, transmission, or distribution of electricity.

351 (g) Temporary sets, assemblies, or structures used in
352 commercial motion picture or television production, or any
353 sound-recording equipment used in such production, on or off the
354 premises.

355 (h) Storage sheds that are not designed for human
356 habitation and that have a floor area of 720 square feet or less
357 are not required to comply with the mandatory wind-borne-debris-
358 impact standards of the Florida Building Code. In addition, such
359 buildings that are 400 square feet or less and that are intended
360 for use in conjunction with one- and two-family residences are
361 not subject to the door height and width requirements of the
362 Florida Building Code.

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(i) Chickees constructed by the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida or the Seminole Tribe of Florida. As used in this paragraph, the term "chickee" means an open-sided wooden hut that has a thatched roof of palm or palmetto or other traditional materials, and that does not incorporate any electrical, plumbing, or other nonwood features.

(j) Family mausoleums not exceeding 250 square feet in area which are prefabricated and assembled on site or preassembled and delivered on site and have walls, roofs, and a floor constructed of granite, marble, or reinforced concrete.

(k) A building or structure having less than 1,000 square feet which is constructed and owned by a natural person for hunting and which is repaired or reconstructed to the same dimension and condition as existed on January 1, 2011, if the building or structure:

1. Is not rented or leased or used as a principal residence;

2. Is not located within the 100-year floodplain according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current Flood Insurance Rate Map; and

3. Is not connected to an offsite electric power or water supply.

(l) A drone port as defined in s. 330.41(2).

(m) Any system or equipment, whether affixed or movable, which is located on property within a spaceport territory

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pursuant to s. 331.304 and which is used for the production,
erection, alteration, modification, repair, launch, processing,
recovery, transport, integration, fueling, conditioning, or
equipping of a space launch vehicle, payload, or spacecraft.

With the exception of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (f), in order to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the public, the Florida Building Commission may, by rule adopted pursuant to chapter 120, provide for exceptions to the broad categories of buildings exempted in this section, including exceptions for application of specific sections of the code or standards adopted therein. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall have exclusive authority to adopt by rule, pursuant to chapter 120, exceptions to nonresidential farm buildings exempted in paragraph (c) when reasonably necessary to preserve public health, safety, and welfare. The exceptions must be based upon specific criteria, such as under-roof floor area, aggregate electrical service capacity, HVAC system capacity, or other building requirements. Further, the commission may recommend to the Legislature additional categories of buildings, structures, or facilities which should be exempted from the Florida Building Code, to be provided by law. The Florida Building Code does not apply to temporary housing provided by the Department of Corrections to any prisoner in the state correctional system.

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413 **Section 9. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of 553.79,**
414 **Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (11) of that**
415 **section is reenacted, to read:**

416 553.79 Permits; applications; issuance; inspections.—

417 (1)

418 (f) A local government may not require a contract between
419 a builder and an owner, any copies of such contract, or any
420 associated document, including, but not limited to, letters of
421 intent, material costs lists, labor costs, or overhead or profit
422 statements, for the issuance of a building permit or as a
423 requirement for the submission of a building permit application.

424 (11) Any state agency whose enabling legislation
425 authorizes it to enforce provisions of the Florida Building Code
426 may enter into an agreement with any other unit of government to
427 delegate its responsibility to enforce those provisions and may
428 expend public funds for permit and inspection fees, which fees
429 may be no greater than the fees charged others. Inspection
430 services that are not required to be performed by a state agency
431 under a federal delegation of responsibility or by a state
432 agency under the Florida Building Code must be performed under
433 the alternative plans review and inspection process created in
434 s. 553.791 or by a local governmental entity having authority to
435 enforce the Florida Building Code.

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436 **Section 10. Paragraphs (1) and (q) of subsection (1) and**
437 **subsections (5) through (8) of section 553.791, Florida**
438 **Statutes, are amended to read:**

439 553.791 Alternative plans review and inspection.—

440 (1) As used in this section, the term:

441 (1) "Permit application" means a properly completed and
442 submitted application for the requested building or construction
443 permit, including:

444 1. The plans reviewed by the private provider, or in the
445 case of a single-trade plan review where a private provider uses
446 an automated or software-based plans review system pursuant to
447 subsection (6), the information reviewed by the automated or
448 software-based plans review system to determine compliance with
449 one or more applicable codes.

450 2. The affidavit from the private provider required under
451 subsection (6).

452 3. Any applicable fees.

453 4. Any documents required by the local building official
454 to determine that the fee owner has secured all other government
455 approvals required by law.

456 (q) "Single-trade inspection" or "single-trade plans
457 review" means any inspection or plans review focused on a single
458 construction trade, such as plumbing, mechanical, or electrical.
459 The term includes, but is not limited to, inspections or plans
460 review of door or window replacements; fences and block walls

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461 more than 6 feet high from the top of the wall to the bottom of
462 the footing; stucco or plastering; reroofing with no structural
463 alteration; solar energy and energy storage installations or
464 alterations; HVAC replacements; ductwork or fan replacements;
465 alteration or installation of wiring, lighting, and service
466 panels; water heater changeouts; sink replacements; and
467 repiping.

468 (5) After construction has commenced and if either the
469 local building official is unable to provide inspection services
470 in a timely manner or the work subject to inspection is related
471 to a single-trade inspection for a single-family or two-family
472 dwelling, the fee owner or the fee owner's contractor may elect
473 to use a private provider to provide inspection services by
474 notifying the local building official of the owner's or
475 contractor's intention to do so by 2 p.m. local time, 2 business
476 days before the next scheduled inspection using the notice
477 provided for in paragraphs (4) (a)-(c).

478 (6) A private provider performing plans review under this
479 section shall review the plans to determine compliance with the
480 applicable codes. For single-trade plans reviews, a private
481 provider may use an automated or software-based plans review
482 system designed to determine compliance with one or more
483 applicable codes, including, but not limited to, the National
484 Electrical Code and the Florida Building Code. Upon determining
485 that the plans reviewed comply with the applicable codes, the

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private provider shall prepare an affidavit or affidavits certifying, under oath, that the following is true and correct to the best of the private provider's knowledge and belief:

(a) The plans were reviewed by the affiant, who is duly authorized to perform plans review pursuant to this section and holds the appropriate license or certificate.

(b) The plans comply with the applicable codes.

Such affidavit may bear a written or electronic signature and may be submitted electronically to the local building official.

(7)(a) No more than 20 business days, or if the permit application is related to a single-trade plans review for a single-family or two-family dwelling, no more than 5 business days, after receipt of a permit application and the affidavit from the private provider required pursuant to subsection (6), the local building official shall issue the requested permit or provide a written notice to the permit applicant identifying the specific plan features that do not comply with the applicable codes, as well as the specific code chapters and sections. If the local building official does not provide a written notice of the plan deficiencies within the prescribed time ~~20-day~~ period, the permit application must ~~shall~~ be deemed approved as a matter of law, and the permit must ~~shall~~ be issued by the local building official on the next business day.

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(b) If the local building official provides a written notice of plan deficiencies to the permit applicant within the prescribed time ~~20-day~~ period, the time ~~20-day~~ period is ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ tolled pending resolution of the matter. To resolve the plan deficiencies, the permit applicant may elect to dispute the deficiencies pursuant to subsection (15) or to submit revisions to correct the deficiencies.

(c) If the permit applicant submits revisions, the local building official has the remainder of the tolled time ~~20-day~~ period plus 5 business days after ~~from~~ the date of resubmittal to issue the requested permit or to provide a second written notice to the permit applicant stating which of the previously identified plan features remain in noncompliance with the applicable codes, with specific reference to the relevant code chapters and sections. Any subsequent review by the local building official is limited to the deficiencies cited in the written notice. If the local building official does not provide the second written notice within the prescribed time period, the permit must ~~shall~~ be deemed approved as a matter of law, and the local building official must issue the permit on the next business day.

(d) If the local building official provides a second written notice of plan deficiencies to the permit applicant within the prescribed time period, the permit applicant may elect to dispute the deficiencies pursuant to subsection (15) or

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to submit additional revisions to correct the deficiencies. For all revisions submitted after the first revision, the local building official has an additional 5 business days after ~~from~~ the date of resubmittal to issue the requested permit or to provide a written notice to the permit applicant stating which of the previously identified plan features remain in noncompliance with the applicable codes, with specific reference to the relevant code chapters and sections.

(8) A private provider performing required inspections under this section shall inspect each phase of construction as required by the applicable codes. Such inspection, including a single-trade inspection, may be performed in person ~~in-person~~ or virtually. The private provider may have a duly authorized representative perform the required inspections, provided all required reports are prepared by and bear the written or electronic signature of the private provider or the private provider's duly authorized representative. The duly authorized representative must be an employee of the private provider entitled to receive reemployment assistance benefits under chapter 443. The contractor's contractual or legal obligations are not relieved by any action of the private provider.

Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 497.271, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

497.271 Standards for construction and significant alteration or renovation of mausoleums and columbaria.—

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(3) The licensing authority shall transmit the rules as adopted under subsection (2), ~~hereinafter~~ referred to as the "mausoleum standards," to the Florida Building Commission, which shall initiate rulemaking under chapter 120 to consider such mausoleum standards. If such mausoleum standards are not deemed acceptable, they must ~~shall~~ be returned by the Florida Building Commission to the licensing authority with details of changes needed to make them acceptable. If such mausoleum standards are acceptable, the Florida Building Commission must ~~shall~~ adopt a rule designating the mausoleum standards as an approved revision to the State Minimum Building Codes under part IV of chapter 553. When ~~so~~ designated by the Florida Building Commission, such mausoleum standards shall become a required element of the State Minimum Building Codes under s. 553.73(2)(a) ~~s. 553.73(2)~~ and shall be transmitted to each local enforcement agency, as defined in s. 553.71(5). Such local enforcement agency shall consider and inspect for compliance with such mausoleum standards as if they were part of the local building code, but shall have no continuing duty to inspect after final approval of the construction pursuant to the local building code. Any further amendments to the mausoleum standards shall be accomplished by the same procedure. Such designated mausoleum standards, as from time to time amended, shall be a part of the State Minimum Building Codes under s. 553.73 until the adoption and effective date of a new statewide uniform minimum building

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code, which may supersede the mausoleum standards as provided by the law enacting the new statewide uniform minimum building code.

Section 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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Remove lines 33-53 and insert:

s. 399.035, F.S.; requiring that elevator car interiors have at least one support rail that meets certain specifications; amending s. 489.105, F.S.; revising definitions for purposes of part I of ch. 489, F.S.; amending s. 489.113, F.S.; prohibiting general or building contractors from being required to subcontract pool wet deck area work; defining the term "pool wet deck area"; amending s. 489.505, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "certified alarm system contractor"; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; providing an exemption from the Florida Building Code to systems or equipment located within a spaceport territory which is used for specified purposes; reenacting and amending s. 553.79, F.S.; prohibiting local governments from requiring copies of contracts and certain associated documents for the issuance of building permits or as a requirement for submitting

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610 building permit applications; amending s. 553.791,
611 F.S.; revising definitions; revising the conditions
612 under which specified contractors may elect to use a
613 private provider to provide inspection services;
614 authorizing private providers to use automated or
615 software-based plans review systems designed to make
616 certain determinations; requiring local building
617 officials to issue permits within a specified
618 timeframe if such permit application is related to
619 certain single-trade plans reviews; authorizing
620 certain inspections to be performed in person or
621 virtually; amending s. 497.271, F.S.; conforming a
622 cross-reference;