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Senator Bradley moved the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (120290) (with title amendment)

Delete lines 1558 - 1694

and insert:

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<u>b.</u> The members of a unit-owner-controlled association may determine, by a majority vote of the total voting interests of the association, to provide no reserves or less reserves than required by this subsection. For a budget adopted on or after December 31, 2024, the members of a unit-owner-controlled association that must obtain a structural integrity reserve

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12 study may not determine to provide no reserves or less reserves 13 than required by this subsection for items listed in paragraph 14 (g), except that members of an association operating a 15 multicondominium may determine to provide no reserves or less 16 reserves than required by this subsection if an alternative 17 funding method has been approved by the division. 18 c.(I) Reserves for the items listed in paragraph (g) may be

19 funded by regular assessments, special assessments, lines of 20 credit, or loans. A special assessment, a line of credit, or a 21 loan under this sub-subparagraph requires the approval of a 22 majority vote of the total voting interests of the association. 23 (II) A unit-owner-controlled association that must have a 24 structural integrity reserve study may secure a line of credit 25 or a loan to fund capital expenses required by a milestone 26 inspection under s. 553.899 or a structural integrity reserve 27 study. The line of credit or loan must be sufficient to fund the 28 cumulative amount of any previously waived or unfunded portions 29 of the reserve funding amount required by this paragraph and the 30 most recent structural integrity reserve study. Funding from the 31 line of credit or loan must be immediately available for access 32 by the board to fund required repair, maintenance, or 33 replacement expenses without further approval by the members of 34 the association. A special assessment, a line of credit, or a 35 loan secured under this sub-subparagraph and related details 36 must be included in the annual financial statement that is required under s. 718.111(13) to be delivered to unit owners and 37 38 required under s. 718.503 to be provided to prospective 39 purchasers of a unit.

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(III) This sub-subparagraph does not apply to associations

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41 <u>controlled by a developer as defined in s. 718.103, an</u> 42 <u>association in which the nondeveloper unit owners have been in</u> 43 <u>control for less than 1 year, or an association controlled by</u> 44 <u>one or more bulk assignees or bulk buyers as those terms are</u> 45 <u>defined in s. 718.703.</u>

46 d. If the local building official, as defined in s. 47 468.603, determines that the entire condominium building is uninhabitable due to a natural emergency, as defined in s. 48 49 252.34, the board, upon the approval of a majority of its members, may pause the contribution to its reserves or reduce 50 51 reserve funding until the local building official determines 52 that the condominium building is habitable. Any reserve account 53 funds held by the association may be expended, pursuant to the 54 board's determination, to make the condominium building and its 55 structures habitable. Upon the determination by the local 56 building official that the condominium building is habitable, 57 the association must immediately resume contributing funds to 58 its reserves.

59 e. For a budget adopted on or before December 31, 2028, if 60 the association has completed a milestone inspection pursuant to 61 s. 553.899 within the previous 2 calendar years, the board, upon 62 the approval of a majority of the total voting interests of the 63 association, may temporarily pause, for a period of no more than two consecutive annual budgets, reserve fund contributions or 64 65 reduce the amount of reserve funding for the purpose of funding 66 repairs recommended by the milestone inspection. This sub-67 subparagraph does not apply to an association controlled by a 68 developer as defined in s. 718.103, an association in which the 69 nondeveloper unit owners have been in control for less than 1

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70 year, or an association controlled by one or more bulk assignees 71 or bulk buyers as those terms are defined in s. 718.703. An 72 association that has paused reserve contributions under this 73 subparagraph must have a structural integrity reserve study 74 performed before the continuation of reserve contributions in 75 order to determine the association's reserve funding needs and 76 to recommend a reserve funding plan.

77 f.b. Before turnover of control of an association by a 78 developer to unit owners other than a developer under s. 79 718.301, the developer-controlled association may not vote to 80 waive the reserves or reduce funding of the reserves. If a meeting of the unit owners has been called to determine whether 81 82 to waive or reduce the funding of reserves and no such result is 83 achieved or a quorum is not attained, the reserves included in 84 the budget shall go into effect. After the turnover, the 85 developer may vote its voting interest to waive or reduce the 86 funding of reserves.

87 3. Reserve funds and any interest accruing thereon shall 88 remain in the reserve account or accounts, and may be used only 89 for authorized reserve expenditures unless their use for other 90 purposes is approved in advance by a majority vote of all the 91 total voting interests of the association. Before turnover of 92 control of an association by a developer to unit owners other 93 than the developer pursuant to s. 718.301, the developer-94 controlled association may not vote to use reserves for purposes 95 other than those for which they were intended. For a budget 96 adopted on or after December 31, 2024, members of a unit-owner-97 controlled association that must obtain a structural integrity reserve study may not vote to use reserve funds, or any interest 98

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99 accruing thereon, for any other purpose other than the 100 replacement or deferred maintenance costs of the components 101 listed in paragraph (g).

4. An association's reserve accounts may be pooled for two or more required components. Reserve funding for components listed in paragraph (g) may only be pooled with other components listed in paragraph (g). The reserve funding indicated in the proposed annual budget must be sufficient to ensure that available funds meet or exceed projected expenses for all components in the reserve pool based on the reserve funding plan or schedule of the most recent structural integrity reserve study. A vote of the members is not required for the board to change the accounting method for reserves to a pooling accounting method or a straight-line accounting method.

113 5.4. The only voting interests that are eligible to vote on questions that involve waiving or reducing the funding of 114 115 reserves, or using existing reserve funds for purposes other 116 than purposes for which the reserves were intended, are the 117 voting interests of the units subject to assessment to fund the 118 reserves in question. Proxy questions relating to waiving or 119 reducing the funding of reserves or using existing reserve funds 120 for purposes other than purposes for which the reserves were 121 intended must contain the following statement in capitalized, 122 bold letters in a font size larger than any other used on the 123 face of the proxy ballot:

WAIVING OF RESERVES, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OR ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE USES OF EXISTING RESERVES MAY RESULT IN UNIT OWNER LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF UNANTICIPATED

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128	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS REGARDING THOSE ITEMS.
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130	6. The division shall annually adjust for inflation, based
131	on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers released in
132	January of each year, the minimum \$25,000 threshold amount for
133	required reserves. By February 1, 2026, and annually thereafter,
134	the division must conspicuously post on its website the
135	inflation-adjusted minimum threshold amount for required
136	reserves.
137	(g) Structural integrity reserve study
138	1. A residential condominium association must have a
139	structural integrity reserve study completed at least every 10
140	years after the condominium's creation for each building on the
141	condominium property that is three <u>habitable</u> stories or higher
142	in height,
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145	And the title is amended as follows:
146	Delete lines 4361 - 4365
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148	certain circumstances; deleting a