

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to temporary door locking devices;
3 creating s. 553.8951, F.S.; defining the term
4 "temporary door locking device"; authorizing temporary
5 door locking devices to be installed at any height;
6 requiring the Florida Building Commission to
7 incorporate certain standards for temporary door
8 locking devices into the Florida Building Code;
9 requiring the use of temporary door locking devices be
10 integrated into building safety plans, safety drills,
11 and training programs for a specified purpose;
12 providing an effective date.

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

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16 **Section 1. Section 553.8951, Florida Statutes, is created**
17 **to read:**

18 553.8951 Temporary door locking devices.—

19 (1) As used in this section, the term "temporary door
20 locking device" means a device that prevents a door from opening
21 and meets all of the following criteria:

22 (a) Is meant only for temporary use during an emergency
23 situation.

24 (b) Can be engaged or removed without opening the door.

25 (c) Can be engaged and removed from the egress side of the

26 door without the use of a key and can be removed from the
27 ingress side of the door with the use of a key or other
28 credential.

29 (d) Does not modify the door closer, panic hardware, or
30 fire exit hardware.

31 (e) Is not permanently mounted to the door assembly.
32 However, individual parts of the temporary door locking device,
33 including, but not limited to, bolts, stops, brackets, or pins,
34 which do not prevent normal ingress and egress through the door
35 may be permanently mounted to the door.

36 (f) Does not affect the fire rating of the door and
37 complies with the fire rating standards of the National Fire
38 Protection Association.

39 (g) Can be removed with a single operation when engaged.

40 (2) Notwithstanding any other law or provision in the
41 Florida Building Code, a temporary door locking device may be
42 installed at any height above the finished floor.

43 (3) The Florida Building Commission shall incorporate into
44 the Florida Building Code pursuant to s. 553.73(1) standards for
45 temporary door locking devices that meet the requirements of
46 this section. A temporary door locking device may be used to
47 secure a fire exit or an entranceway leading to a fire exit if
48 the temporary door locking device is used only during an
49 emergency situation and approved by the local enforcement agency
50 that has jurisdiction over the building in which the device is

51 installed. A temporary door locking device may be applied only
52 for a finite period of time during an emergency situation,
53 including, but not limited to, a shelter-in-place order, an
54 emergency lockdown, or a safety drill for such emergency
55 situation.

56 (4) The use of a temporary door locking device must be
57 integrated into building safety plans, safety drills, and
58 training programs so that the employees or staff of the building
59 in which the device is installed has inservice training on the
60 use of the temporary door locking device.

61 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.