

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Florida Building Code construction
3 requirements; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; requiring the
4 Florida Building Commission to require, beginning with
5 the next edition of the Florida Building Code, that
6 certain buildings or structures be constructed with
7 specified materials and meet certain impact resistant
8 requirements; defining the term "natural emergency";
9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1. Subsection (21) is added to section 553.73,**
14 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

15 553.73 Florida Building Code.—

16 (21) (a) Beginning with the adoption of the 9th edition of
17 the Florida Building Code, the commission shall require that the
18 entire building envelope of all new construction, including
19 exterior walls and doors, roofs, skylights, glazing, and glass
20 blocks, of the following buildings or structures meet the impact
21 resistant requirements of the Florida Building Code and be
22 constructed with wind-resistant materials designed and built to
23 withstand wind speeds of at least 160 miles per hour:

24 1. R1 and R2 multistory residential occupancies containing
25 dwelling units or sleeping units.

26 2. New residential construction located within 5 miles of
27 the mean high-water line of any tidal water of this state.

28 3. New residential construction located in a high-velocity
29 hurricane zone under the Florida Building Code.

30 4. Buildings or structures designated or used as an
31 emergency shelter during a natural emergency.

32 5. The rebuilding of buildings or structures that meet the
33 criteria in subparagraphs 1.-4. which are uninhabitable or
34 destroyed by a natural emergency.

35 (b) As used in this subsection, the term "natural
36 emergency" has the same meaning as in s. 252.34.

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