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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to product evaluation; amending s.  
3           553.842, F.S.; requiring the Florida Building  
4           Commission to approve a specified evaluation entity;  
5           providing an effective date.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section  
10          553.842, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11           553.842 Product evaluation and approval.—

12           (8) The commission may adopt rules to approve the following  
13          types of entities that produce information on which product  
14          approvals are based. All of the following entities, including  
15          engineers and architects, must comply with a nationally  
16          recognized standard demonstrating independence or no conflict of  
17          interest:

18           (a) Evaluation entities approved pursuant to this  
19          paragraph. The commission shall specifically approve the  
20          National Evaluation Service, the International Association of  
21          Plumbing and Mechanical Officials Evaluation Service, the  
22          International Code Council Evaluation Services, Underwriters  
23          Laboratories, LLC, Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc., ~~and~~ the  
24          Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance Office Product  
25          Control Division, and NEMO ETC, LLC. Architects and engineers  
26          licensed in this state are also approved to conduct product  
27          evaluations as provided in subsection (5).

28           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.