A bill to be entitled
An act relating to firesafety standards; amending s. 633.208, F.S.; authorizing certain buildings to have specified balcony guard openings; providing construction; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (11) is added to section 633.208, Florida Statutes, to read:

633.208 Minimum firesafety standards.—
(11)(a) A building that was constructed and obtained a certificate of occupancy before 1965 may have balcony guard openings that allow passage of a sphere greater than 4 inches in diameter and less than 42 inches high if:
1. The guard was approved as a part of the original building design;
2. The guard is at least 40 inches high; and
3. The building is designated as a historic property or as a contributing property to a historic district, or is eligible for designation as a local historic property under the local preservation ordinance.

(b) This subsection supersedes any contrary provisions in the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.