1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the management and safety of 3 condominium and cooperative buildings; amending s. 4 468.4334, F.S.; revising professional practice 5 standards for community association managers and 6 community association management firms; amending s. 7 553.899, F.S.; revising legislative findings; revising 8 definitions; requiring condominium associations and 9 cooperative associations to have milestone inspections performed on certain buildings after they reach 25 10 11 years of age; removing provisions relating to certain 12 buildings located near coastlines; revising the date 13 on which a building's certificate of occupancy was 14 issued to trigger the requirement of a milestone 15 inspection; authorizing an extension of the deadline 16 for the completion of a milestone inspection under 17 certain circumstances; requiring certain notice be 18 given to unit owners within a specified time period; 19 authorizing additional persons to conduct phase one inspections; specifying the only persons authorized to 20 21 conduct phase two inspections; requiring certain 22 associations to enter into contracts with certain 23 persons within a specified timeframe; requiring that a 24 phase two inspection begin within a specified timeframe; requiring certain inspection reports to 25

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bear certain attestations; authorizing the governing body of a municipality to adopt certain ordinances; removing a specified review by the Florida Building Commission; removing the requirement that the commission submit a certain report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; requiring the commission to create standardized milestone inspection forms; authorizing local enforcement agencies to develop their own forms and requirements; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 718.103 and 719.103, F.S.; revising the definition of "structural integrity reserve study"; amending ss. 718.112 and 719.106, F.S.; requiring certain items that will require maintenance, repair, or replacement within a certain timeframe to be included in reserve accounts; removing a date by which certain structural integrity reserve studies must be completed; providing an exception to the requirement of a structural integrity reserve study; requiring certain associations' budgets to include reserves, in an amount determined by a specified study, for certain items; requiring the structural integrity reserve study to include exterior doors; authorizing certain inspections to be used in place of other inspections under certain circumstances; requiring that the

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inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report be provided to certain persons within a specified time period; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 718.1255, F.S.; revising the definition of a "dispute" for purposes of alternative dispute resolution; requiring certain disputes to be submitted to presuit mediation; creating ss. 718.13 and 719.132, F.S.; authorizing unit owners and certain entities to file an action in court for certain injunctive relief; amending ss. 718.301 and 719.301, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 718.503 and 719.503, F.S.; requiring that certain provisions be included in certain contracts entered into after specified dates under certain circumstances; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing effective dates. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section Section 1. 468.4334, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 468.4334 Professional practice standards; liability.-(1)(b) If a community association manager or a community

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association management firm has a contract with a community

association that has a building on the association's property that is subject to s. 553.899, the community association manager or the community association management firm must comply with that section as directed by the board.

Section 2. Subsection (13) of section 553.899, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (12), subsections (1) through (8) and (11) and present subsection (12) are amended, and a new subsection (13) is added to that section, to read:

553.899 Mandatory structural inspections for condominium and cooperative buildings.—

- (1) The Legislature finds that maintaining the structural integrity of a building throughout the its service life of the building is of paramount importance in order to ensure that buildings are structurally sound so as to not pose a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare. As such, the Legislature finds that the imposition of a statewide structural inspection program for aging condominium and cooperative buildings in this state is necessary to ensure that such buildings are safe for continued use.
 - (2) As used in this section, the terms:
- (a) "Milestone inspection" means a structural inspection of a building, including an inspection of load-bearing <u>elements</u> walls and the primary structural members and primary structural systems as those terms are defined in s. 627.706. Phase one of the milestone inspection must be performed, by a general

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contractor licensed under chapter 489 with at least 5 years' experience building or constructing threshold buildings, a building code administrator or building code inspector licensed under part XII of chapter 468 with at least 5 years' experience inspecting threshold buildings, or by a licensed architect or engineer authorized to practice in this state. Phase two of the milestone inspection must be performed by a licensed architect or engineer authorized to practice in this state. Such structural inspection must be completed with the purpose for the purposes of attesting to the life safety and adequacy of the structural components of the building and, to the extent reasonably possible, determining the general structural condition of the building as it affects the safety of such building, including a determination of any necessary maintenance, repair, or replacement of any structural component of the building. The purpose of such inspection is not to determine if the condition of an existing building is in compliance with the Florida Building Code or the firesafety code.

(b) "Substantial structural deterioration" means substantial structural distress or a substantial structural weakness that negatively affects a building's general structural condition and integrity. The term does not include surface imperfections such as cracks, distortion, sagging, deflections, misalignment, signs of leakage, or peeling of finishes unless

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the licensed general contractor, building code administrator, building code inspector, engineer, or architect performing the phase one or phase two inspection determines that such surface imperfections are a sign of substantial structural deterioration.

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(3) A condominium association under chapter 718 and a cooperative association under chapter 719 must have a milestone inspection performed for each building that is three stories or more in height by December 31 of the year in which the building reaches 25 30 years of age, based on the date the certificate of occupancy for the building was issued, and every 10 years thereafter. If the building is located within 3 miles of a coastline as defined in s. 376.031, the condominium association or cooperative association must have a milestone inspection performed by December 31 of the year in which the building reaches 25 years of age, based on the date the certificate of occupancy for the building was issued, and every 10 years thereafter. The condominium association or cooperative association must arrange for the milestone inspection to be performed and is responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of this section. The condominium association or cooperative association is responsible for all costs associated with the inspection. This subsection does not apply to associations that only include a single-family, two-family, or three-family dwellings dwelling with three or fewer habitable

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- If a milestone inspection is required under this section and the building's certificate of occupancy was issued on or before December 31, 1994 July 1, 1992, the building's initial milestone inspection must be performed before December 31, 2024. If a milestone inspection is required under this section and the building's certificate of occupancy was issued during the period of January 1, 1995, through December 31, 2000, the building's initial milestone inspection must be performed before December 31, 2026. The local enforcement agency may extend the deadline for a building's initial milestone inspection upon a showing of good cause by the condominium or cooperative association that the association has entered into a contract for the performance of the milestone inspection but that the inspection cannot reasonably be completed before the deadline. If the date of issuance for the certificate of occupancy is not available, the date of issuance of the building's certificate of occupancy shall be the date of occupancy evidenced in any record of the local building official.
- (5) Upon determining that a building must have a milestone inspection, the local enforcement agency must provide written notice of such required inspection to the condominium association or cooperative association by certified mail, return receipt requested. The condominium or cooperative association

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must notify the unit owners of the required milestone inspection within 14 days after receipt of the written notice from the local enforcement agency and provide the date that the milestone inspection must be completed.

- (6) Within 180 days after receiving the written notice under subsection (5), the condominium association or cooperative association must complete phase one of the milestone inspection. For purposes of this section, completion of phase one of the milestone inspection means the licensed general contractor, building code administrator, building code inspector, engineer, or architect who performed the phase one inspection submitted the inspection report by e-mail, United States Postal Service, or commercial delivery service to the local enforcement agency.
 - (7) A milestone inspection consists of two phases:
- (a) For phase one of the milestone inspection, a general contractor licensed under chapter 489 with at least 5 years' experience building or constructing threshold buildings, a building code administrator or building code inspector licensed under part XII of chapter 468 with at least 5 years' experience inspecting threshold buildings, or a licensed architect or engineer authorized to practice in this state shall perform a visual examination of habitable and nonhabitable areas of a building, including the major structural components of a building, and provide a qualitative assessment of the structural conditions of the building. If the general contractor, building

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code administrator, building code inspector, architect, or engineer finds no signs of substantial structural deterioration to any building components under visual examination, phase two of the inspection, as provided in paragraph (b), is not required. A general contractor, a building code administrator, a building code inspector, an architect, or an engineer who completes a phase one milestone inspection shall prepare and submit an inspection report pursuant to subsection (8).

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A phase two of the milestone inspection must be performed if any substantial structural deterioration is identified during phase one. Only a licensed architect or engineer authorized to practice in this state may perform a phase two milestone inspection. If a phase two inspection is required, the association must contract, within 90 days after receipt of the phase one inspection report, with a licensed architect or engineer to perform the phase two inspection. The licensed architect or engineer contracted with to perform the inspection must begin the phase two inspection within 90 days after entering into a contract with the association. A phase two inspection may involve destructive or nondestructive testing at the inspector's direction. The inspection may be as extensive or as limited as necessary to fully assess areas of structural distress in order to confirm that the building is structurally sound and safe for its intended use and to recommend a program for fully assessing and repairing distressed and damaged

portions of the building. When determining testing locations, the inspector must give preference to locations that are the least disruptive and most easily repairable while still being representative of the structure. An inspector who completes a phase two milestone inspection shall prepare and submit an inspection report pursuant to subsection (8).

- (8) Upon completion of a phase one or phase two milestone inspection, the general contractor, building code administrator, building code inspector, architect, or engineer who performed the inspection must submit a copy, or a sealed copy, if applicable, of the inspection report with a separate summary of, at minimum, the material findings and recommendations in the inspection report to the condominium association or cooperative association, and to the building official of the local government which has jurisdiction. The inspection report must, at a minimum, meet all of the following criteria:
- (a) 1. Bear an attestation and signature, or electronic signature, of the licensed general contractor, building code administrator, or building code inspector who performed the inspection; or
- $\underline{2.}$ Bear the seal and signature, or the electronic signature, of the licensed engineer or architect who performed the inspection.

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requirements for the inspection.

- (b) Indicate the manner and type of inspection forming the basis for the inspection report.
- (c) Identify any substantial structural deterioration, within a reasonable professional probability based on the scope of the inspection, describe the extent of such deterioration, and identify any recommended repairs for such deterioration.
- (d) State whether unsafe or dangerous conditions, as those terms are defined in the Florida Building Code, were observed.
- (e) Recommend any remedial or preventive repair for any items that are damaged but are not substantial structural deterioration.
- (f) Identify and describe any items requiring further inspection.
- of a municipality may adopt an ordinance requiring that a condominium or cooperative association schedule or commence repairs for substantial structural deterioration within a specified timeframe after the local enforcement agency receives a phase two inspection report; however, such repairs must be commenced within 365 days after receiving such report. If an association fails to submit proof to the local enforcement agency that repairs have been scheduled or have commenced for substantial structural deterioration identified in a phase two inspection report within the required timeframe, the local

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enforcement agency must review and determine if the building is unsafe for human occupancy.

- (12) The Florida Building Commission shall review the milestone inspection requirements under this section and make recommendations, if any, to the Legislature to ensure inspections are sufficient to determine the structural integrity of a building. The commission must provide a written report of any recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31, 2022.
- standardized milestone inspection report form for the submission of such reports to local enforcement agencies by general contractors, building code administrators, building code inspectors, engineers, and architects. Local enforcement agencies may develop their own forms and requirements and are not required to use the commission's standardized forms.
- Section 3. Subsection (25) of section 718.103, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 718.103 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
- (25) "Structural integrity reserve study" means a study of the reserve funds required for future major repairs and replacement of the common areas based on a visual inspection of the common areas. A structural integrity reserve study may be performed by any person qualified to perform such study.

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However, the visual inspection portion of the structural
integrity reserve study must be performed by an engineer
licensed under chapter 471, a general contractor licensed under
chapter 489 with at least 5 years' experience building or
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building code administrator or building code inspector licensed
under part XII of chapter 468 with at least 5 years' experience
inspecting threshold buildings as defined in s. 553.71, or an
architect licensed under chapter 481. At a minimum, a structural
integrity reserve study must identify the common areas being
visually inspected, state the estimated remaining useful life
and the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance
expense of the common areas being visually inspected, and
provide a recommended annual reserve amount that achieves the
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each common area being visually inspected by the end of the
estimated remaining useful life of each common area.
Section 4. Paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) of subsection (2)
of section 718.112, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
718.112 Bylaws.—
(2) REQUIRED PROVISIONS.—The bylaws shall provide for the
following and, if they do not do so, shall be deemed to include
the following:
(f) Annual budget.—

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expenses must be detailed and must show the amounts budgeted by accounts and expense classifications, including, at a minimum, any applicable expenses listed in s. 718.504(21). The board shall adopt the annual budget at least 14 days before the start of the association's fiscal year. In the event that the board fails to timely adopt the annual budget a second time, it is deemed a minor violation and the prior year's budget shall continue in effect until a new budget is adopted. A multicondominium association must adopt a separate budget of common expenses for each condominium the association operates and must adopt a separate budget of common expenses for the association. In addition, if the association maintains limited common elements with the cost to be shared only by those entitled to use the limited common elements as provided for in s. 718.113(1), the budget or a schedule attached to it must show the amount budgeted for this maintenance. If, after turnover of control of the association to the unit owners, any of the expenses listed in s. 718.504(21) are not applicable, they do not need to be listed.

2.a. In addition to annual operating expenses, the budget must include reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance. These accounts must include, but are not limited to, roof replacement, building painting, and pavement resurfacing, regardless of the amount of deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost, and any other item that has a

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deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost that exceeds \$10,000, and those items listed in paragraph (g) that will require maintenance, repair, or replacement within the next 25 years. The amount to be reserved for an item is determined by the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study that must be completed as provided in paragraph (g) by December 31, 2024. If the amount to be reserved for an item is not in the association's initial or most recent structural integrity reserve study or the association has not completed a structural integrity reserve study, the amount must be computed using a formula based upon estimated remaining useful life and estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of the reserve item. However, any item with a remaining useful life greater than 25 years is not required to be included in the study. If an association is required to complete a structural integrity reserve study, the association's budget must maintain reserves, in the amount recommended in the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study, for the items listed in paragraph (g). The association may adjust replacement reserve assessments annually to take into account any changes in estimates or extension of the useful life of a reserve item caused by deferred maintenance. The members of a unit-ownercontrolled association may determine, by a majority vote at a duly called meeting of the association, to provide no reserves or less reserves than required by this subsection. Effective

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December 31, 2024, the members of a unit-owner-controlled association may not determine to provide no reserves or less reserves than required by this subsection for items listed in paragraph (g).

- b. Before turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit owners other than a developer under s. 718.301, the developer-controlled association may not vote to waive the reserves or reduce funding of the reserves. If a meeting of the unit owners has been called to determine whether to waive or reduce the funding of reserves and no such result is achieved or a quorum is not attained, the reserves included in the budget shall go into effect. After the turnover, the developer may vote its voting interest to waive or reduce the funding of reserves.
- 3. Reserve funds and any interest accruing thereon shall remain in the reserve account or accounts, and may be used only for authorized reserve expenditures unless their use for other purposes is approved in advance by a majority vote at a duly called meeting of the association. Before turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit owners other than the developer pursuant to s. 718.301, the developer-controlled association may not vote to use reserves for purposes other than those for which they were intended. Effective December 31, 2024, members of a unit-owner-controlled association may not vote to use reserve funds, or any interest accruing thereon, that are

reserved for items listed in paragraph (g) for any other purpose other than their intended purpose.

- 4. The only voting interests that are eligible to vote on questions that involve waiving or reducing the funding of reserves, or using existing reserve funds for purposes other than purposes for which the reserves were intended, are the voting interests of the units subject to assessment to fund the reserves in question. Proxy questions relating to waiving or reducing the funding of reserves or using existing reserve funds for purposes other than purposes for which the reserves were intended must contain the following statement in capitalized, bold letters in a font size larger than any other used on the 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 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS REGARDING THOSE ITEMS.
 - (g) Structural integrity reserve study.-
- 1. An association must have a structural integrity reserve study completed at least every 10 years after the condominium's creation for each building on the condominium property that is three stories or higher in height which includes, at a minimum, a study of the following items as related to the structural integrity and safety of the building:
 - a. Roof.

b. Load-bearing walls or other primary structural members.

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- 426 c. Floor.
- 427 d. Foundation.
- e. Fireproofing and fire protection systems.
- f. Plumbing.

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- g. Electrical systems.
 - h. Waterproofing and exterior painting.
- 432 i. Windows and exterior doors.
 - j. Any other item that has a deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost that exceeds \$10,000 and the failure to replace or maintain such item negatively affects the items listed in sub-subparagraphs a.-i., as determined by the licensed engineer, general contractor, building code administrator, building code inspector, or architect performing the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study.
 - 2. Before a developer turns over control of an association to unit owners other than the developer, the developer must have a structural integrity reserve study completed for each building on the condominium property that is three stories or higher in height.
 - 3. Associations that existing on or before July 1, 2022, which are controlled by unit owners other than the developer, must have a structural integrity reserve study completed by December 31, 2024, for each building on the condominium property that is three stories or higher in height. An association that is required to complete a milestone inspection on or before

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December 31, 2026, in accordance with s. 553.899, may complete the structural integrity reserve study simultaneously with the milestone inspection. In no event may the structural integrity reserve study be completed after December 31, 2026.

- 4. If an association fails to complete a structural integrity reserve study pursuant to this paragraph, such failure is a breach of an officer's and director's fiduciary relationship to the unit owners under s. 718.111(1).
- 5. If the milestone inspection required by s. 553.899, or an inspection completed for a similar local requirement, was performed within the past 5 years and meets the requirements of this paragraph, such inspection may be used in place of the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study.
- (h) Mandatory milestone inspections.—If an association is required to have a milestone inspection performed pursuant to s. 553.899, the association must arrange for the milestone inspection to be performed and is responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of s. 553.899. The association is responsible for all costs associated with the inspection. If the officers or directors of an association willfully and knowingly fail to have a milestone inspection performed pursuant to s. 553.899, such failure is a breach of the officers' and directors' fiduciary relationship to the unit owners under s. 718.111(1)(a). Within 60 days after Upon completion of a phase

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one or phase two milestone inspection and receipt of the inspector-prepared summary of the milestone inspection report from any phase one or phase two milestone inspection from the architect or engineer who performed the inspection, the association must distribute a copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report to each unit owner, regardless of the findings or recommendations in the report, by United States mail or personal delivery and by electronic transmission to unit owners who previously consented to receive notice by electronic transmission; must post a copy of the inspectorprepared summary in a conspicuous place on the condominium property; and must publish the full report and inspectorprepared summary on the association's website, if the association is required to have a website. If the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study required under paragraph (g) was performed within the past 5 years and meets the requirements for a milestone inspection in s. 553.899, such inspection may be used in place of the phase one milestone inspection. Section 5. Effective July 1, 2027, subsection (5) of section 718.1255, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph

(d) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

718.1255 Alternative dispute resolution; mediation; nonbinding arbitration; applicability.-

DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term (1)

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"dispute" means any disagreement between two or more parties that involves:

(d) The failure of a board of administration, when required by this chapter or a governing document of the association, to:

- Obtain a milestone inspection as required under s.
 553.899.
- 2. Obtain a structural integrity reserve study as required under s. 718.112(2)(g).
- 3. Fund reserve accounts as required for an item identified in s. 718.112(2)(g).
- 4. Make or provide necessary maintenance or repairs of the condominium property as recommended by a milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study.

"Dispute" does not include any disagreement that primarily involves: title to any unit or common element; the interpretation or enforcement of any warranty; the levy of a fee or assessment, or the collection of an assessment levied against a party; the eviction or other removal of a tenant from a unit; alleged breaches of fiduciary duty by one or more directors; or claims for damages to a unit based upon the alleged failure of the association to maintain the common elements or condominium property.

(5) PRESUIT MEDIATION.—In lieu of the initiation of

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526	nonbinding arbitration as provided in subsections (1)-(4), a
527	party may submit a dispute to presuit mediation in accordance
528	with s. 720.311, except for:
529	(a) Disputes listed in paragraph (1)(d) are not subject to
530	nonbinding arbitration under subsection (4) and must be
531	submitted to presuit mediation in accordance with s. $720.311.\div$
532	however,
533	(b) Election and recall disputes are not eligible for
534	mediation and such disputes must be arbitrated by the division
535	or filed in a court of competent jurisdiction.
536	Section 6. Section 718.13, Florida Statutes, is created to
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538	718.13 Injunctive relief.—
539	(1) A unit owner may institute an action in a court of
540	competent jurisdiction in which the condominium is located to
541	seek injunctive relief against the association to:
542	(a) Enforce compliance with milestone inspection
543	requirements under s. 553.899 and structural integrity reserve
544	study requirements under s. 718.112(2)(g).
545	(b) Prevent irreparable injury to unit owners and the
546	association and to protect human health, safety, and welfare
547	caused or threatened by any violation of the milestone
548	inspection requirements under s. 553.899 and structural
549	integrity reserve study requirements under s. 718.112(2)(g).
550	(2) The division may, in the name of the state, seek

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injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction in which the condominium is located to obtain relief against the association to enforce compliance with milestone inspection requirements under s. 553.899. A proceeding commenced under this subsection is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other penalty or remedy under this chapter.

- (3) Any local authority having jurisdiction to enforce milestone inspection requirements may seek injunctive relief from any court of competent jurisdiction in which the condominium is located against the association to enforce compliance with milestone inspection requirements under s. 553.899, upon an affidavit of the local authority having jurisdiction specifying the manner in which the condominium does not conform to the requirements of s. 553.899.
- Section 7. Paragraph (p) of subsection (4) of section 718.301, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 718.301 Transfer of association control; claims of defect by association.—
- (4) At the time that unit owners other than the developer elect a majority of the members of the board of administration of an association, the developer shall relinquish control of the association, and the unit owners shall accept control. Simultaneously, or for the purposes of paragraph (c) not more than 90 days thereafter, the developer shall deliver to the association, at the developer's expense, all property of the

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unit owners and of the association which is held or controlled by the developer, including, but not limited to, the following items, if applicable, as to each condominium operated by the association:

- (p) Notwithstanding when the certificate of occupancy was issued or the height of the building, a milestone inspection report in compliance with s. 553.899 included in the official records, under seal of an architect or engineer or under attestation of a general contractor, building code administrator, or building code inspector authorized to practice in this state indicating that such report complies with the statutory requirements for the inspection, and attesting to required maintenance, condition, useful life, and replacement costs of the following applicable condominium property comprising a turnover inspection report:
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- 2. Structure, including load-bearing walls and primary structural members and primary structural systems as those terms are defined in s. 627.706.
 - 3. Fireproofing and fire protection systems.
 - 4. Elevators.
 - 5. Heating and cooling systems.
 - 6. Plumbing.
 - 7. Electrical systems.
 - 8. Swimming pool or spa and equipment.

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- 10. Pavement and parking areas.
- 603 11. Drainage systems.
- 604 12. Painting.
 - 13. Irrigation systems.
- 606 14. Waterproofing.

Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 718.503, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) and paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:

718.503 Developer disclosure prior to sale; nondeveloper unit owner disclosure prior to sale; voidability.—

- (1) DEVELOPER DISCLOSURE.
- (b) Copies of documents to be furnished to prospective buyer or lessee.—Until such time as the developer has furnished the documents listed below to a person who has entered into a contract to purchase a residential unit or lease it for more than 5 years, the contract may be voided by that person, entitling the person to a refund of any deposit together with interest thereon as provided in s. 718.202. The contract may be terminated by written notice from the proposed buyer or lessee delivered to the developer within 15 days after the buyer or lessee receives all of the documents required by this section. The developer may not close for 15 days after the execution of

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the agreement and delivery of the documents to the buyer as evidenced by a signed receipt for documents unless the buyer is informed in the 15-day voidability period and agrees to close before the expiration of the 15 days. The developer shall retain in his or her records a separate agreement signed by the buyer as proof of the buyer's agreement to close before the expiration of the voidability period. The developer must retain such proof for a period of 5 years after the date of the closing of the transaction. The documents to be delivered to the prospective buyer are the prospectus or disclosure statement with all exhibits, if the development is subject to s. 718.504, or, if not, then copies of the following which are applicable:

- 1. The question and answer sheet described in s. 718.504, and declaration of condominium, or the proposed declaration if the declaration has not been recorded, which shall include the certificate of a surveyor approximately representing the locations required by s. 718.104.
 - 2. The documents creating the association.
 - 3. The bylaws.

- 4. The ground lease or other underlying lease of the condominium.
- 5. The management contract, maintenance contract, and other contracts for management of the association and operation of the condominium and facilities used by the unit owners having a service term in excess of 1 year, and any management contracts

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651 that are renewable.

- 6. The estimated operating budget for the condominium and a schedule of expenses for each type of unit, including fees assessed pursuant to s. 718.113(1) for the maintenance of limited common elements where such costs are shared only by those entitled to use the limited common elements.
- 7. The lease of recreational and other facilities that will be used only by unit owners of the subject condominium.
- 8. The lease of recreational and other common facilities that will be used by unit owners in common with unit owners of other condominiums.
 - 9. The form of unit lease if the offer is of a leasehold.
- 10. Any declaration of servitude of properties serving the condominium but not owned by unit owners or leased to them or the association.
- 11. If the development is to be built in phases or if the association is to manage more than one condominium, a description of the plan of phase development or the arrangements for the association to manage two or more condominiums.
- 12. If the condominium is a conversion of existing improvements, the statements and disclosure required by s. 718.616.
 - 13. The form of agreement for sale or lease of units.
- 14. A copy of the floor plan of the unit and the plot plan showing the location of the residential buildings and the

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676 recreation and other common areas.

- 15. A copy of all covenants and restrictions that will affect the use of the property and are not contained in the foregoing.
- 16. If the developer is required by state or local authorities to obtain acceptance or approval of any dock or marina facilities intended to serve the condominium, a copy of any such acceptance or approval acquired by the time of filing with the division under s. 718.502(1), or a statement that such acceptance or approval has not been acquired or received.
- 17. Evidence demonstrating that the developer has an ownership, leasehold, or contractual interest in the land upon which the condominium is to be developed.
- 18. A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the milestone inspection report as described in ss. 553.899 and 718.112(2)(h) ss. 553.899 and 718.301(4)(p).
- 19. A copy of the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study or a statement that the association has not completed a structural integrity reserve study.
- (d) Milestone inspection or structural integrity reserve study.—
- 1. If the association is required to have a milestone inspection as described in ss. 553.899 and 718.112(2)(h) or a structural integrity reserve study as described in s. 718.112(2)(g), and the association has not completed the

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milestone inspection or structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into on or after January 1, 2025, for the sale of a residential unit must contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is required to have a milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study and the association has failed to complete such inspection or study, as applicable.

- 2. If the association is required to have a milestone inspection as described in ss. 553.899 and 718.112(2)(h) or a structural integrity reserve study as described in s. 718.112(2)(g), and the association has completed such inspection or study, each contract entered into on or after January 1, 2025, for the sale of a residential unit must contain a copy of the most recent milestone inspection report or structural integrity reserve study, as applicable.
- 3. If the association is not required to have a milestone inspection as described in ss. 553.899 and 718.112(2)(h) or a structural integrity reserve study as described in s. 718.112(2)(g), each contract entered into on or after January 1, 2025, for the sale of a residential unit must contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is not required to have a milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study, as applicable.
 - (2) NONDEVELOPER DISCLOSURE. -

(a) Each unit owner who is not a developer as defined by

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this chapter must comply with this subsection before the sale of his or her unit. Each prospective purchaser who has entered into a contract for the purchase of a condominium unit is entitled, at the seller's expense, to a current copy of all of the following:

1. The declaration of condominium.

- 2. Articles of incorporation of the association.
- 3. Bylaws and rules of the association.
- 4. Financial information required by s. 718.111.
- 5. A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the milestone inspection report as described in $\underline{ss.}$ 553.899 and 718.112(2)(h) $\underline{ss.}$ 553.899 and 718.301(4)(p), if applicable.
- 6. The association's most recent structural integrity reserve study or a statement that the association has not completed a structural integrity reserve study.
- 7. The document entitled "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers" required by s. 718.504.
- (e)1. If the association is required to have a milestone inspection as described in ss. 553.899 and 718.112(2)(h) or a structural integrity reserve study as described in s. 718.112(2)(g), and the association has not completed the milestone inspection or structural integrity reserve study, each contract entered into on or after January 1, 2025, for the sale of a residential unit must contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is required to have a

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milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study and
the association has failed to complete such inspection or study,
as applicable.

- 2. If the association is required to have a milestone inspection as described in ss. 553.899 and 718.112(2)(h) or a structural integrity reserve study as described in s. 718.112(2)(g), and the association has completed such inspection or study, each contract entered into on or after January 1, 2025, for the sale of a residential unit must contain a copy of the most recent milestone inspection report or structural integrity reserve study, as applicable.
- 3. If the association is not required to have a milestone inspection as described in ss. 553.899 and 718.112(2)(h) or a structural integrity reserve study as described in s. 718.112(2)(g), each contract entered into on or after January 1, 2025, for the sale of a residential unit must contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is not required to have a milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study, as applicable.
- Section 9. Subsection (24) of section 719.103, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 719.103 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:
- (24) "Structural integrity reserve study" means a study of the reserve funds required for future major repairs and replacement of the common areas based on a visual inspection of

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the common areas. A structural integrity reserve study may be performed by any person qualified to perform such study. However, the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study must be performed by an engineer licensed under chapter 471, a general contractor licensed under chapter 489 with at least 5 years' experience building or constructing threshold buildings as defined in s. 553.71; a building code administrator or building code inspector licensed under part XII of chapter 468 with at least 5 years' experience inspecting threshold buildings as defined in s. 553.71; or an architect licensed under chapter 481. At a minimum, a structural integrity reserve study must identify the common areas being visually inspected, state the estimated remaining useful life and the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of the common areas being visually inspected, and provide a recommended annual reserve amount that achieves the estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of each common area being visually inspected by the end of the estimated remaining useful life of each common area. Section 10. Paragraphs (j), (k), and (l) of subsection (1) of section 719.106, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 719.106 Bylaws; cooperative ownership.-MANDATORY PROVISIONS.—The bylaws or other cooperative

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documents shall provide for the following, and if they do not,

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they shall be deemed to include the following:

(j) Annual budget.-

- 1. The proposed annual budget of common expenses must be detailed and must show the amounts budgeted by accounts and expense classifications, including, if applicable, but not limited to, those expenses listed in s. 719.504(20). The board of administration shall adopt the annual budget at least 14 days before the start of the association's fiscal year. In the event that the board fails to timely adopt the annual budget a second time, it is deemed a minor violation and the prior year's budget shall continue in effect until a new budget is adopted.
- 2. In addition to annual operating expenses, the budget must include reserve accounts for capital expenditures and deferred maintenance. These accounts must include, but <u>are</u> not be limited to, roof replacement, building painting, and pavement resurfacing, regardless of the amount of deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost, and for any other items for which the deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost exceeds \$10,000, and those items listed in paragraph (k) that will require maintenance, repair, or replacement within the next 25 years. The amount to be reserved for an item is determined by the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study that must be completed as provided in paragraph (k) by December 31, 2024. If the amount to be reserved for an item is not in the association's initial or most recent structural integrity reserve study or the association has not completed a structural

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integrity reserve study, the amount must be computed by means of a formula which is based upon estimated remaining useful life and estimated replacement cost or deferred maintenance expense of the reserve item. However, any item with a remaining useful life greater than 25 years is not required to be included in the study. If an association is required to complete a structural integrity reserve study, the association's budget must maintain reserves, in the amount recommended in the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study, for the items listed in paragraph (k). The association may adjust replacement reserve assessments annually to take into account any changes in estimates or extension of the useful life of a reserve item caused by deferred maintenance. The members of a unit-ownercontrolled association may determine, at a duly called meeting of the association, for a fiscal year to provide no reserves or reserves less adequate than required by this subsection. Before turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit owners other than a developer under s. 719.301, the developercontrolled association may not vote to waive the reserves or reduce funding of the reserves. Effective December 31, 2024, a unit-owner-controlled association may not determine to provide no reserves or reserves less adequate than required by this paragraph for items listed in paragraph (k). If a meeting of the unit owners has been called to determine to provide no reserves, or reserves less adequate than required, and such result is not

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attained or a quorum is not attained, the reserves as included in the budget shall go into effect.

- 3. Reserve funds and any interest accruing thereon shall remain in the reserve account or accounts, and shall be used only for authorized reserve expenditures unless their use for other purposes is approved in advance by a vote of the majority of the voting interests, voting in person or by limited proxy at a duly called meeting of the association. Before turnover of control of an association by a developer to unit owners other than the developer under s. 719.301, the developer may not vote to use reserves for purposes other than that for which they were intended. Effective December 31, 2024, members of a unit-owner-controlled association may not vote to use reserve funds, or any interest accruing thereon, that are reserved for items listed in paragraph (k) for purposes other than their intended purpose.
 - (k) Structural integrity reserve study.-
- 1. An association must have a structural integrity reserve study completed at least every 10 years for each building on the cooperative property that is three stories or higher in height that includes, at a minimum, a study of the following items as related to the structural integrity and safety of the building:
 - a. Roof.

- b. Load-bearing walls or other primary structural members.
- c. Floor.
- d. Foundation.

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- e. Fireproofing and fire protection systems.
- f. Plumbing.

- g. Electrical systems.
 - h. Waterproofing and exterior painting.
 - i. Windows and exterior doors.
- j. Any other item that has a deferred maintenance expense or replacement cost that exceeds \$10,000 and the failure to replace or maintain such item negatively affects the items listed in sub-subparagraphs a.-i., as determined by the licensed engineer, general contractor, building code administrator, building code inspector, or architect performing the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study.
- 2. Before a developer turns over control of an association to unit owners other than the developer, the developer must have a structural integrity reserve study completed for each building on the cooperative property that is three stories or higher in height.
- 3. Associations that existing on or before July 1, 2022, which are controlled by unit owners other than the developer, must have a structural integrity reserve study completed by December 31, 2024, for each building on the cooperative property that is three stories or higher in height. An association that is required to complete a milestone inspection on or before December 31, 2026, in accordance with s. 553.899, may complete the structural integrity reserve study simultaneously with the

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milestone inspection. In no event may the structural integrity reserve study be completed after December 31, 2026.

- 4. If an association fails to complete a structural integrity reserve study pursuant to this paragraph, such failure is a breach of an officer's and director's fiduciary relationship to the unit owners under s. 719.104(8).
- 5. If the milestone inspection required by s. 553.899, or an inspection completed for a similar local requirement, was performed within the past 5 years and meets the requirements of this paragraph, such inspection may be used in place of the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study.
- (1) Mandatory milestone inspections.—If an association is required to have a milestone inspection performed pursuant to s. 553.899, the association must arrange for the milestone inspection to be performed and is responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of s. 553.899. The association is responsible for all costs associated with the inspection. If the officers or directors of an association willfully and knowingly fail to have a milestone inspection performed pursuant to s. 553.899, such failure is a breach of the officers' and directors' fiduciary relationship to the unit owners under s. 719.104(8)(a). Within 60 days after Upon completion of a phase one or phase two milestone inspection and receipt of the inspector-prepared summary of the milestone inspection report

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from any phase one or phase two milestone inspection the architect or engineer who performed the inspection, the association must distribute a copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the inspection report to each unit owner, regardless of the findings or recommendations in the report, by United States mail or personal delivery and by electronic transmission to unit owners who previously consented to receive notice by electronic transmission; must post a copy of the inspectorprepared summary in a conspicuous place on the cooperative property; and must publish the full report and inspectorprepared summary on the association's website, if the association is required to have a website. If the visual inspection portion of the structural integrity reserve study required under paragraph (k) was performed within the past 5 years and meets the requirements for a milestone inspection in s. 553.899, such inspection may be used in place of the phase one milestone inspection. Section 11. Section 719.132, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 719.132 Injunctive relief.-(1) A unit owner may institute an action in a court of

- (1) A unit owner may institute an action in a court of competent jurisdiction in which the cooperative is located to seek injunctive relief against the association to:
- (a) Enforce compliance with milestone inspection
 requirements under s. 553.899 and structural integrity reserve

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951	requirements under s. 719.106(1)(k).
952	(b) Prevent irreparable injury to unit owners and the
953	association and to protect human health, safety, and welfare
954	caused or threatened by any violation of the milestone
955	inspection requirements under s. 553.899 and structural
956	integrity reserve requirements under s. 719.106(1)(k).
957	(2) The division may, in the name of the state, seek
958	injunctive relief in any court of competent jurisdiction in
959	which the cooperative is located to obtain relief against the
960	association to enforce compliance with milestone inspection
961	requirements under s. 553.899. A proceeding commenced under this
962	subsection is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other
963	penalty or remedy under this chapter.
964	(3) Any local authority having jurisdiction to enforce
965	milestone inspection requirements may seek injunctive relief
966	from any court of competent jurisdiction in which the
967	cooperative is located against the association to enforce
968	compliance with milestone inspection requirements under s.
969	553.899, upon an affidavit of the local authority having
970	jurisdiction specifying the manner in which the cooperative does
971	not conform to the requirements of s. 553.899.
972	Section 12. Paragraph (p) of subsection (4) of section
973	719.301, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
974	719.301 Transfer of association control.—
975	(4) When unit owners other than the developer elect a

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majority of the members of the board of administration of an association, the developer shall relinquish control of the association, and the unit owners shall accept control.

Simultaneously, or for the purpose of paragraph (c) not more than 90 days thereafter, the developer shall deliver to the association, at the developer's expense, all property of the unit owners and of the association held or controlled by the developer, including, but not limited to, the following items, if applicable, as to each cooperative operated by the association:

- (p) Notwithstanding when the certificate of occupancy was issued or the height of the building, a milestone inspection report in compliance with s. 553.899 included in the official records, under seal of an architect or engineer or under attestation of a general contractor, building code administrator, or building code inspector authorized to practice in this state indicating that such report complies with the statutory requirements for the inspection, attesting to required maintenance, condition, useful life, and replacement costs of the following applicable cooperative property comprising a turnover inspection report:
 - 1. Roof.

2. Structure, including load-bearing walls and primary structural members and primary structural systems as those terms are defined in s. 627.706.

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1001	3. Fireproofing and fire protection systems.
1002	4. Elevators.
1003	5. Heating and cooling systems.
1004	6. Plumbing.
1005	7. Electrical systems.
1006	8. Swimming pool or spa and equipment.
1007	9. Seawalls.
1008	10. Pavement and parking areas.
1009	11. Drainage systems.
1010	12. Painting.
1011	13. Irrigation systems.
1012	14. Waterproofing.
1013	Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph
1014	(a) of subsection (2) of section 719.503, Florida Statutes, are
1015	amended, and paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) and
1016	paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to
1017	read:
1018	719.503 Disclosure prior to sale
1019	(1) DEVELOPER DISCLOSURE.—
1020	(b) Copies of documents to be furnished to prospective
1021	buyer or lessee.—Until such time as the developer has furnished
1022	the documents listed below to a person who has entered into a
1023	contract to purchase a unit or lease it for more than 5 years,
1024	the contract may be voided by that person, entitling the person

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to a refund of any deposit together with interest thereon as

provided in s. 719.202. The contract may be terminated by written notice from the proposed buyer or lessee delivered to the developer within 15 days after the buyer or lessee receives all of the documents required by this section. The developer may not close for 15 days after the execution of the agreement and delivery of the documents to the buyer as evidenced by a receipt for documents signed by the buyer unless the buyer is informed in the 15-day voidability period and agrees to close before the expiration of the 15 days. The developer shall retain in his or her records a separate signed agreement as proof of the buyer's agreement to close before the expiration of the voidability period. The developer must retain such proof for a period of 5 years after the date of the closing transaction. The documents to be delivered to the prospective buyer are the prospectus or disclosure statement with all exhibits, if the development is subject to s. 719.504, or, if not, then copies of the following which are applicable:

- 1. The question and answer sheet described in s. 719.504, and cooperative documents, or the proposed cooperative documents if the documents have not been recorded, which shall include the certificate of a surveyor approximately representing the locations required by s. 719.104.
 - 2. The documents creating the association.
 - 3. The bylaws.

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- 5. The management contract, maintenance contract, and other contracts for management of the association and operation of the cooperative and facilities used by the unit owners having a service term in excess of 1 year, and any management contracts that are renewable.
- 6. The estimated operating budget for the cooperative and a schedule of expenses for each type of unit, including fees assessed to a shareholder who has exclusive use of limited common areas, where such costs are shared only by those entitled to use such limited common areas.
- 7. The lease of recreational and other facilities that will be used only by unit owners of the subject cooperative.
- 8. The lease of recreational and other common areas that will be used by unit owners in common with unit owners of other cooperatives.
 - 9. The form of unit lease if the offer is of a leasehold.
- 10. Any declaration of servitude of properties serving the cooperative but not owned by unit owners or leased to them or the association.
- 11. If the development is to be built in phases or if the association is to manage more than one cooperative, a description of the plan of phase development or the arrangements for the association to manage two or more cooperatives.
 - 12. If the cooperative is a conversion of existing

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improvements, the statements and disclosure required by s. 719.616.

- 13. The form of agreement for sale or lease of units.
- 14. A copy of the floor plan of the unit and the plot plan showing the location of the residential buildings and the recreation and other common areas.
- 15. A copy of all covenants and restrictions that will affect the use of the property and are not contained in the foregoing.
- 16. If the developer is required by state or local authorities to obtain acceptance or approval of any dock or marina facilities intended to serve the cooperative, a copy of any such acceptance or approval acquired by the time of filing with the division pursuant to s. 719.502(1) or a statement that such acceptance or approval has not been acquired or received.
- 17. Evidence demonstrating that the developer has an ownership, leasehold, or contractual interest in the land upon which the cooperative is to be developed.
- 18. A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the milestone inspection report as described in ss. 553.899 and 719.106(1)(1) ss. 553.899 and 719.301(4)(p), if applicable.
- 19. A copy of the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study or a statement that the association has not completed a structural integrity reserve study.
 - (d) Milestone inspection or structural integrity reserve

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1101	study.—
1102	1. If the association is required to have a milestone
1103	inspection as described in ss. 553.899 and 719.106(1)(1) or a
1104	structural integrity reserve study as described in s.
1105	719.106(1)(k), and the association has not completed the
1106	milestone inspection or structural integrity reserve study, each
1107	contract entered into on or after January 1, 2025, for the sale
1108	of a residential unit must contain in conspicuous type a
1109	statement indicating that the association is required to have a
1110	milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study and
1111	the association has failed to complete such inspection or study,
1112	as applicable.
1113	2. If the association is required to have a milestone
1114	inspection as described in ss. 553.899 and 719.106(1)(1) or a
1115	structural integrity reserve study as described in s.
1116	719.106(1) (k), and the association has completed such inspection
1117	or study, each contract entered into on or after January 1,
1118	2025, for the sale of a residential unit must contain a copy of
1119	the most recent milestone inspection report or structural
1120	integrity reserve study, as applicable.
1121	3. If the association is not required to have a milestone
1122	inspection as described in ss. 553.899 and 719.106(1)(1) or a
1123	structural integrity reserve study as described in s.

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719.106(1)(k), each contract entered into on or after January 1,

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not required to have a milestone inspection or a structural
integrity reserve study, as applicable.

(2) NONDEVELOPER DISCLOSURE.-

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- (a) Each unit owner who is not a developer as defined by this chapter must comply with this subsection before the sale of his or her interest in the association. Each prospective purchaser who has entered into a contract for the purchase of an interest in a cooperative is entitled, at the seller's expense, to a current copy of all of the following:
 - 1. The articles of incorporation of the association.
 - 2. The bylaws and rules of the association.
- 3. A copy of the question and answer sheet as provided in s. 719.504.
- 4. A copy of the inspector-prepared summary of the milestone inspection report as described in $\underline{ss.}$ 553.899 and 719.106(1)(1) $\underline{ss.}$ 553.899 and 719.301(4)(p), if applicable.
- 5. A copy of the association's most recent structural integrity reserve study or a statement that the association has not completed a structural integrity reserve study.
- (d)1. If the association is required to have a milestone inspection as described in ss. 553.899 and 719.106(1)(1) or a structural integrity reserve study as described in s. 719.106(1)(k), and the association has not completed the milestone inspection or structural integrity reserve study, each

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of a residential unit must contain in conspicuous type a

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as applicable.

- 2. If the association is required to have a milestone inspection as described in ss. 553.899 and 719.106(1)(1) or a structural integrity reserve study as described in s. 719.106(1)(k), and the association has completed such inspection or study, each contract entered into on or after January 1, 2025, for the sale of a residential unit must contain a copy of the most recent milestone inspection report or structural integrity reserve study, as applicable.
- 3. If the association is not required to have a milestone inspection as described in ss. 553.899 and 719.106(1)(1) or a structural integrity reserve study as described in s. 719.106(1)(k), each contract entered into on or after January 1, 2025, for the sale of a residential unit must contain in conspicuous type a statement indicating that the association is not required to have a milestone inspection or a structural integrity reserve study, as applicable.
- Section 14. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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