

By Senator Wright

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to standards for buildings and  
3           firesafety; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; providing for a  
4           contingent effective date of updates to the Florida  
5           Building Code; amending s. 633.202, F.S.; providing  
6           for a contingent effective date of updates to the  
7           Florida Fire Prevention Code; providing an effective  
8           date.

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

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12           Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (7) of section  
13   553.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           553.73 Florida Building Code.—

15           (7)

16           (e) A rule updating the Florida Building Code in accordance  
17   with this subsection shall take effect no sooner than 6 months  
18   after the latest occurrence of the publication of the updated  
19   code, approval by the commission of energy rating software, or  
20   the publication of the updated Florida Fire Prevention Code  
21   pursuant to s. 633.202. Any amendment to the Florida Building  
22   Code ~~which is~~ adopted upon a finding by the commission that the  
23   amendment is necessary to protect the public from immediate  
24   threat of harm takes effect immediately.

25           Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 633.202, Florida  
26   Statutes, is amended to read:

27           633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

28           (4) The State Fire Marshal shall update, by rule adopted  
29   pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, the Florida Fire

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30 Prevention Code every 3 years. Once initially adopted and  
31 subsequently updated, the Florida Fire Prevention Code shall be  
32 adopted for use statewide without adoptions by local governments  
33 and may take effect no sooner than 6 months after the latest  
34 occurrence of the publication of the updated Florida Building  
35 Code pursuant to s. 553.73, approval by the Building Commission  
36 of energy rating software, or the publication of the updated  
37 Florida Fire Prevention Code. When updating the Florida Fire  
38 Prevention Code, the State Fire Marshal shall consider changes  
39 made by the national model fire codes incorporated into the  
40 Florida Fire Prevention Code, the State Fire Marshal's own  
41 interpretations, declaratory statements, appellate decisions,  
42 and approved statewide and local technical amendments.

43 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.