

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.