

By Senator Rodriguez

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to building requirements of certain structures; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; requiring the Florida Building Commission to require that the entire building envelope of certain structures meet the impact resistance requirements of the Florida Building Code and be constructed with wind-resistant materials designed and built to withstand a specified wind speed; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (21) is added to section 553.73, Florida Statutes, to read:

553.73 Florida Building Code.—

(21) Beginning with the adoption of the 9th edition of the Florida Building Code, the commission shall require that the entire building envelope, including exterior walls, roof, outside doors, skylights, glazing, and glass block, of the following structures meet the impact resistance requirements of the Florida Building Code and be constructed with wind-resistant materials designed and built to withstand wind speeds of 160 miles per hour:

(a) R-1 and R-2 multistory residential occupancies containing sleeping units.

(b) New residences constructed within 5 miles of the coastal mean high-water line.

(c) New residences constructed in a high-velocity hurricane zone.

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30        (d) Buildings or structures designated or used as hurricane  
31 shelters.

32        (e) Rebuilt buildings or structures that meet the criteria  
33 in paragraphs (a)-(d) which are deemed uninhabitable or  
34 destroyed by wind, flood, hurricane, tropical storm, or fire.

35        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.