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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to building inspections; amending s.  
3 553.908, F.S.; revising the Florida Building Code  
4 edition for energy conservation for a building's or a  
5 dwelling unit's maximum tested air leakage measure;  
6 revising an exception; making technical changes;  
7 providing an effective date.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11 Section 1. Section 553.908, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
12 read:

13 553.908 Inspection.—Before construction or renovation is  
14 completed, the local enforcement agency shall inspect buildings  
15 for compliance with the standards of this part. Notwithstanding  
16 any other ~~provision of the~~ code or law, effective December 31,  
17 2025 ~~July 1, 2016~~, section R402.4.1.2 of the Florida Building  
18 Code, 8th ~~5th~~ Edition (2023) ~~(2014)~~ Energy Conservation, which  
19 became effective on December 31, 2023 ~~June 30, 2015~~, shall  
20 increase the building's or dwelling unit's maximum tested air  
21 leakage measure from "not exceeding 5 air changes per hour" to  
22 "not exceeding 7 air changes per hour" in Climate Zones 1 and 2.  
23 The mandatory blower door testing for residential buildings or  
24 dwelling units as contained in section R402.4.1.2 of the Florida  
25 Building Code, 8th ~~5th~~ Edition (2023) ~~(2014)~~ Energy  
26 Conservation, does ~~shall~~ not apply to buildings or dwelling  
27 units that are fully encapsulated with air-impermeable  
28 insulation ~~take effect until July 1, 2017, and shall not apply~~  
29 ~~to construction permitted before July 1, 2017~~. Additionally,

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30 section M401.2 of the Florida Building Code, 5th Edition (2014)  
31 Mechanical, and section R303.4 of the Florida Building Code, 5th  
32 Edition (2014) Residential, which became effective on June 30,  
33 2015, do ~~shall~~ not require mandatory mechanical ventilation  
34 unless the air infiltration rate in a dwelling is less than 3  
35 air changes per hour when tested with a blower door at a  
36 pressure of 0.2-inch water column (50 Pascals) in accordance  
37 with section R402.4.1.2 of the Florida Building Code, 5th  
38 Edition (2014) Energy Conservation.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.