

**Bill Number:** HB 1175 - Signed by the Governor – 3/27/2026

**Bill Effective date:** 7/1/2026

**Executive Summary**

Safety Design Standards for Office Surgery Suites

The bill creates a new section 553.884, F.S., requiring the Florida Building Commission and the State Fire Marshal to establish alternative safety design standards for certain office surgery suites.

**Implementation:**

The Florida Building Commission would need to develop alternative safety design standards for “office surgery suites” to those for ambulatory health care occupancies and amend the 2026 Florida Building Code to reflect the bill’s proposed change.

Timeline:

The Florida Building Commission authorizes staff to initiate the rulemaking process to incorporate the legislative changes into the Florida Building Code	4/14/2026
Coordinate with the State Fire Marshal to ensure a consistent technical approach to the requested alternative.	4/1-14/2026
Proposed Florida Building Code language posted on the Building Code Information System	4/15/2026
Notice of rule development published for Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C	5/15/2026
1 <sup>st</sup> 45 - day comment period end	5/30/2026
Special Occupancy Technical Advisory Committee review proposed Florida Building Code language and provide a recommendation to Commission for consideration	6/15/2026
2 <sup>nd</sup> 45-day comment period end	7/30/2026
Florida Building Commission approve the proposed code language	8/11/2026
Staff publishes the notice of proposed rule to update Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C. for consistency with the bill	8/31/2026
Staff files the updated Rule 61G20-1.001, F.A.C., for adoption	10/1/2026
The updated rule 61G-1.001, F.A.C., becomes effective	11/30/2026