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An act relating to electronic filing of construction plans; amending s. 468.604, F.S.; providing a legislative finding; providing for certain documents to be electronically signed and sealed by the licensee and electronically transmitted to a building code administrator or building official for approval; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 468.604, Florida Statutes, to read:

468.604 Responsibilities of building code administrators, plans examiners, and inspectors.—

(4) The Legislature finds that the electronic filing of construction plans will increase governmental efficiency, reduce costs, and increase timeliness of processing permits. If the building code administrator or building official provides for electronic filing, construction plans, drawings, specifications, reports, final documents, or documents prepared or issued by a licensee may be dated and electronically signed and sealed in accordance with ss. 668.001-668.006 by the licensee and transmitted electronically to the building code administrator or building official for approval.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.