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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to firesafety standards; amending s.
633.208, F.S.; authorizing certain buildings to have
specified balcony guard openings; providing
construction; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (11) is added to section 633.208,
Florida Statutes, to read:

633.208 Minimum firesafety standards.-

(11) (a) A building that was constructed and obtained a
certificate of occupancy before 1965 may have balcony guard
openings that allow passage of a sphere greater than 4 inches in
diameter and less than 42 inches high if:

1. The guard was approved as a part of the original
building design;

2. The guard is at least 40 inches high; and

3. The building is designated as a historic property or as
a contributing property to a historic district, or is eligible
for designation as a local historic property under the local
preservation ordinance.

(b) This subsection supersedes any contrary provisions in
the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.