By Senator Gibson

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Florida Building Code; amending
s. 553.73, F.S.; authorizing the Florida Building
Commission to adopt certain triennial amendments;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (7) of
section 553.73, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

553.73 Florida Building Code.—
(7)(a) The commission shall adopt an updated Florida
Building Code every 3 years through review of the most current
updates of the International Building Code, the International
Fuel Gas Code, International Existing Building Code, the
International Mechanical Code, the International Plumbing Code,
and the International Residential Code, all of which are
copyrighted and published by the International Code Council, and
the National Electrical Code, which is copyrighted and published
by the National Fire Protection Association. At a minimum, the
commission shall adopt any updates to such codes or any other
code necessary to maintain eligibility for federal funding and
discounts from the National Flood Insurance Program, the Federal
Emergency Management Agency, and the United States Department of
Housing and Urban Development. The commission shall also review
and adopt updates based on the International Energy Conservation
Code (IECC); however, the commission shall maintain the
efficiencies of the Florida Energy Efficiency Code for Building
Construction adopted and amended pursuant to s. 553.901. The
commission may approve triennial amendments to the Florida Building Code without a finding that the amendments are needed in order to accommodate the specific needs of this state. The commission shall adopt updated codes by rule.

(c) The commission may also adopt as a technical amendment to the Florida Building Code any portion of the codes identified in paragraph (a), but only as needed to accommodate the specific needs of this state. Standards or criteria adopted from these codes shall be incorporated by reference to the specific provisions adopted. If a referenced standard or criterion requires amplification or modification to be appropriate for use in this state, only the amplification or modification shall be set forth in the Florida Building Code. The commission may approve technical amendments to the updated Florida Building Code after the amendments have been subject to the conditions set forth in paragraphs (3)(a)-(d). Amendments that are adopted in accordance with this subsection shall be clearly marked in printed versions of the Florida Building Code so that the fact that the provisions are amendments is readily apparent.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.