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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Hooper moved the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (799580) (with title amendment)

Delete lines 201 - 250

and insert:

the affected condominium.

<u>1.</u> The local authority having jurisdiction may not require completion of retrofitting with a fire sprinkler system <u>or</u> <u>completion of installation of an engineered life safety system</u> before January 1, <u>2024</u> 2020. By December 31, 2016, a residential condominium association that is not in compliance with the

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12 requirements for a fire sprinkler system and has not voted to 13 forego retrofitting of such a system must initiate an 14 application for a building permit for the required installation 15 with the local government having jurisdiction demonstrating that 16 the association will become compliant by December 31, <u>2023</u> 2019.

17 2.1. A vote to forego retrofitting may be obtained by limited proxy or by a ballot personally cast at a duly called 18 19 membership meeting, or by execution of a written consent by the 20 member, and is effective upon recording a certificate attesting 21 to such vote in the public records of the county where the 22 condominium is located. The association shall mail or hand 23 deliver to each unit owner written notice at least 14 days 24 before the membership meeting in which the vote to forego 25 retrofitting of the required fire sprinkler system is to take 26 place. Within 30 days after the association's opt-out vote, 27 notice of the results of the opt-out vote must be mailed or hand 28 delivered to all unit owners. Evidence of compliance with this 29 notice requirement must be made by affidavit executed by the 30 person providing the notice and filed among the official records of the association. After notice is provided to each owner, a 31 32 copy must be provided by the current owner to a new owner before 33 closing and by a unit owner to a renter before signing a lease.

34 <u>3.2.</u> If there has been a previous vote to forego 35 retrofitting, a vote to require retrofitting may be obtained at 36 a special meeting of the unit owners called by a petition of at 37 least 10 percent of the voting interests. Such a vote may only 38 be called once every 3 years. Notice shall be provided as 39 required for any regularly called meeting of the unit owners, 40 and must state the purpose of the meeting. Electronic

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41 transmission may not be used to provide notice of a meeting 42 called in whole or in part for this purpose.

4.3. As part of the information collected annually from 43 44 condominiums, the division shall require condominium associations to report the membership vote and recording of a 45 46 certificate under this subsection and, if retrofitting has been 47 undertaken, the per-unit cost of such work. The division shall annually report to the Division of State Fire Marshal of the 48 49 Department of Financial Services the number of condominiums that 50 have elected to forego retrofitting.

5.4. Notwithstanding s. 553.509, a residential association may not be obligated to, and may forego the retrofitting of, any improvements required by s. 553.509(2) upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting interests in the affected condominium.

6. This paragraph does not apply to timeshare condominium associations, which shall be governed by s. 721.24.

Delete lines 305 - 311

and insert:

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extending the date before which a local authority having jurisdiction may not require completion of a condominium's retrofitting with a fire sprinkler system; specifying the date before which such local authority having jurisdiction may not require completion of installation of an engineered life safety system; extending a certain deadline for

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70 residential condominium associations for compliance 71 with certain requirements; providing applicability; 72 requiring the State