

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/SB 1190 — Two-way Radio Communication Enhancement Systems

by Rules Committee and Senator Boyd

Local fire authorities set minimum standards for radio signal strength throughout buildings within their jurisdictions in order to ensure consistent fire and rescue communication capabilities. Two-way radio communication enhancement systems are composed of strategically placed indoor amplifiers and antennae installed after a building is constructed to boost signal strength. These systems are sometimes required in order to meet signal strength requirements.

The bill provides that two-way radio communication enhancement systems may be used to comply with a local authority's minimum radio signal strength requirements, but may not be required by local fire authorities in apartment buildings that (1) are 75 feet in height or less; (2) are constructed using wood framing; (3) have less than 150 dwelling units; and (4) all dwelling units discharge to the exterior or to a corridor leading directly to an exit. Evidence of wood frame construction is to be shown by the property owner using building permit documentation showing wood frame construction.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 87-24