

By Senator Wise

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to fire prevention and control;  
3           amending s. 633.027, F.S.; defining the term "light-  
4           frame truss-type construction"; providing for the  
5           installation of signs or symbols at entrances to  
6           certain areas; providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Section 633.027, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
11           read:

12           633.027 Buildings with light-frame truss-type construction;  
13           notice requirements; enforcement.—

14           (1) As used in this section, the term "light-frame truss-  
15           type construction" means a type of construction in which the  
16           primary structural elements are formed by a system of repetitive  
17           wood or steel framing members, and includes open-web steel joist  
18           construction having any web member that measures less than 2 1/2  
19           inches in width and conventional light-frame wood and engineered  
20           lumber having any web member that measures less than 2 inches by  
21           8 inches, when used in roof or floor structural elements.

22           (2) (a) ~~(1)~~ The owner of any commercial or industrial  
23           structure, or any multiunit residential structure of three units  
24           or more, that uses light-frame truss-type construction shall  
25           identify ~~mark~~ the structure with a sign or symbol approved by  
26           the State Fire Marshal in a manner sufficient to warn persons  
27           conducting fire control and other emergency operations of the  
28           existence of light-frame truss-type construction in the  
29           structure.

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30           (b) The signs or symbols may be installed at the principal  
31 entrances of locations where similarly designed structures  
32 exist, in clear view of arriving emergency apparatus.

33           ~~(3)-(2)~~ The State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules necessary  
34 to implement the provisions of this section, including, but not  
35 limited to:

36           (a) The dimensions and color of such sign or symbol.

37           (b) The time within which commercial, industrial, and  
38 multiunit residential structures that use light-frame truss-type  
39 construction shall be identified ~~marked~~ as required by this  
40 section.

41           (c) The location at ~~on~~ each commercial, industrial, and  
42 multiunit residential structure that uses light-frame truss-type  
43 construction where such sign or symbol must be posted.

44           ~~(4)-(3)~~ The State Fire Marshal, and local fire officials in  
45 accordance with s. 633.121, shall enforce the provisions of this  
46 section. Any owner who fails to comply with the requirements of  
47 this section is subject to penalties as provided in s. 633.161.

48           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.