

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Senator Evers

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public construction projects;
amending ss. 255.20 and 255.2575, F.S.; requiring
governmental entities to specify certain products
associated with public works projects; providing for
applicability; amending s. 255.257, F.S.; requiring
state agencies to use certain building rating systems
and building codes for each new construction and
renovation project; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 255.20, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

255.20 Local bids and contracts for public construction
works; specification of state-produced lumber.—

(3) (a) All county officials, boards of county
commissioners, school boards, city councils, city commissioners,
and all other public officers of state boards or commissions
that are charged with the letting of contracts for public work,
for the construction of public bridges, buildings, and other
structures must specify in the contract lumber, timber, and
other forest products produced and manufactured in this state,
if wood is a component of the public work, and if such products
are available and their price, fitness, and quality are equal.

(b) This subsection does not apply:

1. To plywood specified for monolithic concrete forms.τ

2. If the structural or service requirements for timber for
a particular job cannot be supplied by native species.τ~~or~~

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30 3. If the construction is financed in whole or in part from
31 federal funds with the requirement that there be no restrictions
32 as to species or place of manufacture.

33 4. To transportation projects for which federal aid funds
34 are available.

35 Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 255.2575,
36 Florida Statutes, to read:

37 255.2575 Energy-efficient and sustainable buildings.-

38 (4) (a) All state agencies, county officials, boards of
39 county commissioners, school boards, city councils, city
40 commissioners, and all other public officers of state boards or
41 commissions that are charged with the letting of contracts for
42 public work, for the construction of public bridges, buildings,
43 and other structures must specify in the contract lumber,
44 timber, and other forest products produced and manufactured in
45 this state, if wood is a component of the public work, and if
46 such products are available and their price, fitness, and
47 quality are equal.

48 (b) This subsection does not apply:

49 1. To plywood specified for monolithic concrete forms.

50 2. If the structural or service requirements for timber for
51 a particular job cannot be supplied by native species.

52 3. If the construction is financed in whole or in part from
53 federal funds with the requirement that there be no restrictions
54 as to species or place of manufacture.

55 4. To transportation projects for which federal aid funds
56 are available.

57 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
58 255.257, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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59 255.257 Energy management; buildings occupied by state
60 agencies.-

61 (4) ADOPTION OF STANDARDS.-

62 (a) Each ~~All~~ state agency ~~agencies~~ shall use ~~adopt~~ a
63 sustainable building rating system or ~~use~~ a national model green
64 building code for each ~~all~~ new building ~~buildings~~ and renovation
65 ~~renovations~~ to an existing building ~~buildings~~.

66 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.