

By Senator Clemens

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to residential construction; amending  
3       s. 553.37, F.S.; directing the Florida Building  
4       Commission to adopt a requirement within the Florida  
5       Building Code that, on or after a specified date, all  
6       newly constructed residential buildings have a solar  
7       thermal compatible system; defining the term "solar  
8       thermal compatible system"; providing an effective  
9       date.

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

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13       Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section 553.37,  
14 Florida Statutes, to read:

15       553.37 Rules; inspections; and insignia.—

16       (13) The Florida Building Commission shall adopt within the  
17 Florida Building Code a requirement that, effective January 1,  
18 2019, all newly constructed residential buildings in this state  
19 must have a solar thermal compatible system. For the purposes of  
20 this subsection, the term "solar thermal compatible system"  
21 means a water heating device that is capable of using heat  
22 trapped from incidental sunlight in order to heat water.

23       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.