

By Senator Sobel

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Florida Building Code; amending  
3       s. 553.73, F.S.; providing that amendments or  
4       modifications related to local government water  
5       conservation practices or design criteria which are  
6       adopted to an edition of the Florida Building Code do  
7       not expire and shall be carried forward into the next  
8       edition of the code, subject to review or  
9       modification; providing an effective date.

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

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13       Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (7) of section  
14       553.73, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is added  
15       to that subsection, to read:

16       553.73 Florida Building Code.—

17       (7)

18       (g) Amendments or modifications to the foundation code  
19       pursuant to this subsection shall remain effective only until  
20       the effective date of a new edition of the Florida Building Code  
21       every third year.

22       1. Amendments or modifications related to state agency  
23       regulations which are adopted and integrated into an edition of  
24       the Florida Building Code shall be carried forward into the next  
25       edition of the code, subject to modification as provided in this  
26       part.

27       2. Amendments or modifications related to the wind-  
28       resistance design of buildings and structures within the high-  
29       velocity hurricane zone of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties which

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30 are adopted to an edition of the Florida Building Code do not  
31 expire and shall be carried forward into the next edition of the  
32 code, subject to review or modification as provided in this  
33 part.

34 3. Amendments or modifications related to local government  
35 water conservation practices or design criteria which are  
36 adopted to an edition of the Florida Building Code do not expire  
37 and shall be carried forward into the next edition of the code,  
38 subject to review or modification as provided in this part.

39 (h) If amendments that expire pursuant to ~~this~~ paragraph  
40 (g) are resubmitted through the Florida Building Commission code  
41 adoption process, the amendments must specifically address  
42 whether:

43 1. The provisions contained in the proposed amendment are  
44 addressed in the applicable international code.

45 2. The amendment demonstrates by evidence or data that the  
46 geographical jurisdiction of Florida exhibits a need to  
47 strengthen the foundation code beyond the needs or regional  
48 variations addressed by the foundation code, and why the  
49 proposed amendment applies to this state.

50 3. The proposed amendment was submitted or attempted to be  
51 included in the foundation codes to avoid resubmission to the  
52 Florida Building Code amendment process.

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54 If the proposed amendment has been addressed in the  
55 international code in a substantially equivalent manner, the  
56 Florida Building Commission may not include the proposed  
57 amendment in the foundation code.

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