

By Senator Smith

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to building code enforcement; amending  
3           s. 553.80, F.S.; prohibiting a local government  
4           responsible for enforcing the Florida Building Code  
5           from imposing or enforcing a fine, penalty, or lien  
6           against a property owner under certain circumstances;  
7           providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 553.80,  
12   Florida Statutes, to read:

13           553.80 Enforcement.—

14           (9) In enforcing compliance with building construction  
15 standards, a local government responsible for enforcing the  
16 Florida Building Code may not impose or enforce any fine,  
17 penalty, or lien against a property owner if the noncompliance  
18 is committed by a tenant without the property owner's knowledge  
19 unless the property owner fails to cure the noncompliance within  
20 180 days after the property owner receives notice from the  
21 enforcing authority of the noncompliance.

22           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.