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2 An act relating to two-way radio communication
3 enhancement systems; amending s. 633.202, F.S.;
4 requiring the authority having jurisdiction to
5 determine certain minimum radio signal strength
6 requirements for all new and existing buildings;
7 authorizing the use of two-way radio communication
8 enhancement systems to comply with certain radio
9 signal strength requirements in the Florida Fire
10 Prevention Code; specifying that such systems or
11 equivalent systems are not required in certain
12 apartment buildings; requiring that owners of such
13 apartment buildings provide certain documentation to
14 the applicable authority; exempting existing high-rise
15 buildings and high-rise apartment buildings from
16 certain radio signal strength requirements until a
17 specified date; requiring noncompliant high-rise
18 buildings and high-rise apartment buildings to apply
19 for specified permits by specified dates; providing an
20 effective date.

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

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24 Section 1. Subsection (18) of section 633.202, Florida
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

27 (18) The authority having jurisdiction shall determine the
28 minimum radio signal strength for fire department communications
29 in all new ~~high-rise~~ and existing ~~high-rise~~ buildings. Two-way

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30 radio communication enhancement systems or equivalent systems
31 may be used to comply with the minimum radio signal strength
32 requirements. However, two-way radio communication enhancement
33 systems or equivalent systems are not required in apartment
34 buildings 75 feet or less in height that are constructed using
35 wood framing, provided that the building has less than 150
36 dwelling units and that all dwelling units discharge to the
37 exterior or to a corridor that leads directly to an exit as
38 defined by the Florida Building Code. Evidence of wood frame
39 construction shall be shown by the owner providing building
40 permit documentation which identifies the construction type as
41 wood frame. Existing high-rise buildings as defined by the
42 Florida Building Code are not required to comply with minimum
43 radio strength for fire department communications and two-way
44 radio communication enhancement systems ~~system enhancement~~
45 ~~communications~~ as required by the Florida Fire Prevention Code
46 until January 1, 2025. However, by January 1, 2024, an existing
47 high-rise building that is not in compliance with the
48 requirements for minimum radio strength for fire department
49 communications must apply for an appropriate permit for the
50 required installation with the local government agency having
51 jurisdiction and must demonstrate that the building will become
52 compliant by January 1, 2025. Existing high-rise apartment
53 buildings are not required to comply until January 1, 2025.
54 However, existing high-rise apartment buildings are required to
55 apply for the appropriate permit for the required communications
56 installation by January 1, 2024.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.