A bill to be entitled
An act relating to standards for buildings and
firesafety; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; providing for a
contingent effective date of updates to the Florida
Building Code; amending s. 633.202, F.S.; providing
for a contingent effective date of updates to the
Florida Fire Prevention Code; providing an effective
date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (7) of section
553.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

553.73 Florida Building Code.—

(7)

(e) A rule updating the Florida Building Code in accordance
with this subsection shall take effect no sooner than 6 months
after the latest occurrence of the publication of the updated
code, approval by the commission of energy rating software, or
the publication of the updated Florida Fire Prevention Code
pursuant to s. 633.202. Any amendment to the Florida Building
Code which is adopted upon a finding by the commission that the
amendment is necessary to protect the public from immediate
threat of harm takes effect immediately.

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 633.202, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

(4) The State Fire Marshal shall update, by rule adopted
pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, the Florida Fire
Prevention Code every 3 years. Once initially adopted and subsequently updated, the Florida Fire Prevention Code shall be adopted for use statewide without adoptions by local governments and may take effect no sooner than 6 months after the latest occurrence of the publication of the updated Florida Building Code pursuant to s. 553.73, approval by the Building Commission of energy rating software, or the publication of the updated Florida Fire Prevention Code. When updating the Florida Fire Prevention Code, the State Fire Marshal shall consider changes made by the national model fire codes incorporated into the Florida Fire Prevention Code, the State Fire Marshal’s own interpretations, declaratory statements, appellate decisions, and approved statewide and local technical amendments.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.