

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to two-way radio communication  
 3           enhancement systems; amending s. 633.202, F.S.;  
 4           authorizing the use of two-way radio communication  
 5           enhancement systems to comply with certain radio  
 6           signal strength requirements in the Florida Fire  
 7           Prevention Code; exempting certain apartment buildings  
 8           from requiring two-way radio communication enhancement  
 9           systems; 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. Subsection (18) of section 633.202, Florida  
 14   Statutes, is amended to read:

15           633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

16           (18) The authority having jurisdiction shall determine the  
 17   minimum radio signal strength for fire department communications  
 18   in all new high-rise and existing high-rise buildings. Two-way  
 19   radio communication enhancement systems or equivalent systems  
 20   may be used to comply with the minimum radio signal strength  
 21   requirements. However, two-way radio communication enhancement  
 22   systems or equivalent systems are not required in apartment  
 23   buildings 75 feet or less in height with the exterior components  
 24   constructed of wood frame. Evidence of wood frame construction  
 25   shall be shown by the property owner providing building permit

26 | documentation which identifies the construction type as wood  
27 | frame. Existing buildings are not required to comply with  
28 | minimum radio strength for fire department communications and  
29 | two-way radio communication enhancement systems ~~system~~  
30 | ~~enhancement communications~~ as required by the Florida Fire  
31 | Prevention Code until January 1, 2025. However, by January 1,  
32 | 2024, an existing building that is not in compliance with the  
33 | requirements for minimum radio strength for fire department  
34 | communications must apply for an appropriate permit for the  
35 | required installation with the local government agency having  
36 | jurisdiction and must demonstrate that the building will become  
37 | compliant by January 1, 2025. Existing apartment buildings are  
38 | not required to comply until January 1, 2025. However, existing  
39 | apartment buildings are required to apply for the appropriate  
40 | permit for the required communications installation by January  
41 | 1, 2024.

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