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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 specifying that the authority having jurisdiction 5 determines the minimum radio signal strength for all 6 new and existing buildings; authorizing the use of 7 two-way radio communication enhancement systems to 8 comply with certain radio signal strength requirements 9 in the Florida Fire Prevention Code; exempting certain 10 apartment buildings from requiring two-way radio 11 communication enhancement systems; requiring an owner 12 to show certain permit documentation under certain 13 circumstances; providing that existing high-rise 14 buildings, as defined by the Florida Building Code, 15 must comply with specified minimum radio strength 16 requirements by specified dates; providing an effective date. 17 18 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 20 21 Section 1. Subsection (18) of section 633.202, Florida 22 Statutes, is amended to read: 23 633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code. -24 The authority having jurisdiction shall determine the

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minimum radio signal strength for fire department communications

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in all new high-rise and existing high-rise buildings. Two-way radio communication enhancement systems or equivalent systems may be used to comply with the minimum radio signal strength requirements. However, two-way radio communication enhancement systems or equivalent systems are not required in apartment buildings 75 feet or less in height that are constructed using wood framing, provided that the building has fewer than 150 dwelling units and that all dwelling units discharge to the exterior or to a corridor that leads directly to an exit as defined by the Florida Building Code. Evidence of wood frame construction shall be shown by the owner providing building permit documentation which identifies the construction type as wood frame. Existing high-rise buildings, as defined by the Florida Building Code, are not required to comply with minimum radio strength for fire department communications and two-way radio communication enhancement systems system enhancement communications as required by the Florida Fire Prevention Code until January 1, 2025. However, by January 1, 2024, an existing high-rise building that is not in compliance with the requirements for minimum radio strength for fire department communications must apply for an appropriate permit for the required installation with the local government agency having jurisdiction and must demonstrate that the building will become compliant by January 1, 2025. Existing high-rise apartment buildings are not required to comply until January 1, 2025.

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However, existing <u>high-rise</u> apartment buildings are required to apply for the appropriate permit for the required communications installation by January 1, 2024.

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

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