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Bill No. HB 1535 (2025)

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Disasters Subcommittee

Representative McFarland offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**Section 1. Section 83.63, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:**

83.63 Casualty damage.—If the premises are damaged or  
destroyed other than by the wrongful or negligent acts of the  
tenant so that the enjoyment of the premises is substantially  
impaired:

(1) The tenant may terminate the rental agreement and  
immediately vacate the premises. The tenant may vacate the part  
of the premises rendered unusable by the casualty, in which case  
the tenant's liability for rent shall be reduced by the fair

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rental value of that part of the premises damaged or destroyed.  
If the rental agreement is terminated, the landlord shall comply  
with s. 83.49(3).

(2) The tenant must be given:

(a) The opportunity to collect his or her belongings from  
the premises when it is safe to do so; or

(b) Notice of the date by which the tenant will be able to  
collect his or her belongings from the premises, which must  
occur within a reasonable time.

**Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 101.733, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:**

101.733 Emergency suspension or delay of an election  
~~emergency; purpose; elections emergency contingency plan.-~~  
Because of the existing and continuing possibility of an  
emergency or common disaster occurring before or during a  
regularly scheduled or special election, and in order to ensure  
maximum citizen participation in the electoral process and  
provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons seeking to  
exercise their right to vote, generally to minimize to whatever  
degree possible a person's exposure to danger during declared  
states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of the  
electoral process, it is hereby found and declared to be  
necessary to designate a procedure for the emergency suspension  
or delay and rescheduling of elections.

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~~(3) The Division of Elections of the Department of State shall adopt, by rule, an elections emergency contingency plan, which shall contain goals and policies that give specific direction to state and local elections officials when an election has been suspended or delayed due to an emergency. The contingency plan shall be statewide in scope and shall address, but not be limited to, the following concerns:~~

~~(a) Providing a procedure for state and local elections officials to follow when an election has been suspended or delayed to ensure notice of the suspension or delay to the proper authorities, the electorate, the communications media, poll workers, and the custodians of polling places.~~

~~(b) Providing a procedure for the orderly conduct of a rescheduled election, whether municipal, county, district, or statewide in scope; coordinating those efforts with the appropriate elections official, and the members of the governing body holding such election, if appropriate; and working with the appropriate emergency management officials in determining the safety of existing polling places or designating additional polling places.~~

~~(c) Providing a procedure for the release and certification of election returns to the department for elections suspended or delayed and subsequently rescheduled under the provisions of ss. 101.731-101.74.~~

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**Section 3. Section 101.7325, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

101.7325 Election emergency.—

(1) If the Governor declares a state of emergency for a natural emergency, as defined in s. 252.34, fewer than 60 days before an election, the supervisor of a county designated as affected by such declaration may take any of the following actions necessary while the declaration continues to designate the area as an affected area:

(a) Notwithstanding the designation deadline in s. 101.657(1)(b), change the location of designated early voting sites. The supervisor must immediately notify the division of the new address of each early voting site and the hours during which early voting will occur at each site.

(b) Request approval from the Secretary of State to designate early voting sites at locations not specifically authorized under s. 101.657(1). The request must set forth sufficient facts to establish that a sufficient number of early voting sites that were designated, or that may be designated under paragraph (a), are unavailable due to the emergency. For purposes of this paragraph, reasons that early voting sites may be unavailable include, but are not limited to, the site is no longer safe for occupancy, the site is located in an area that is currently dangerous to travel to and from, or the site does not have adequate utilities. The Secretary of State must approve

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90 or deny the request within 36 hours after receipt. An early  
91 voting site designated under this paragraph must, to the maximum  
92 extent practicable, be geographically located so as to provide  
93 all voters in the area with an equal opportunity to cast a  
94 ballot.

95 (c) Notwithstanding s. 101.657(1)(d), allow early voting  
96 to occur the day before an election.

97 (d) Notwithstanding ss. 101.657 and 101.71, request  
98 approval from the Secretary of State to allow election day  
99 voting at early voting sites. The request must set forth  
100 sufficient facts to establish that a sufficient number of early  
101 voting sites that were designated, or that may be designated  
102 under paragraph (a), are unavailable due to the emergency. For  
103 purposes of this paragraph, reasons that a polling place may be  
104 unavailable include, but are not limited to, the polling place  
105 is no longer safe for occupancy, the polling place is located in  
106 an area that is currently dangerous to travel to and from, or  
107 the polling place does not have adequate utilities. The  
108 Secretary of State must approve or deny the request within 36  
109 hours after receipt. An early voting site designated as a  
110 polling place under this paragraph must, to the maximum extent  
111 practicable, be geographically located so as to provide all  
112 voters in the area with an equal opportunity to cast a ballot.

113 (e) Notwithstanding the designation deadline in s.  
114 101.69(2)(b), designate additional secure ballot intake

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stations. The supervisor must immediately notify the division of the location of the additional secure ballot intake stations.

(f) Send a vote-by-mail ballot to a voter who has requested such ballot:

1. By forwardable mail or to an address other than the address listed for the voter in the statewide voter registration system.

2. Notwithstanding s. 101.62(1)(a) and (b), without the voter's written request or if a written request is not signed.

3. Notwithstanding s. 101.62(3)(c), as soon as practicable.

(g) If the supervisor determines that a poll worker shortage exists, appoint poll workers who have not met the training requirements in s. 102.014. However, such poll workers must have received the required training within the previous 2 years.

(h) Notwithstanding s. 102.012(2), appoint inspectors and clerks who are registered qualified electors of this state but who are not registered qualified electors of the applicable county.

(2) The supervisor shall use print and broadcast media, social media, Internet websites, polling place signage, and any other method necessary to inform affected voters of any changes to elections made under this section.

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**Section 4. Section 101.735, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

101.735 Election emergency contingency plans.—

(1) The division shall adopt by rule a statewide election emergency contingency plan to provide specific direction in the event an emergency occurs preceding or during an election. The contingency plan shall include, at minimum, procedures to:

(a) Ensure that necessary parties are notified of any changes impacting an election that has been suspended, delayed, rescheduled, or otherwise affected by an emergency. As used in this paragraph, necessary parties include proper authorities, the electorate, the media, poll workers, and polling place custodians.

(b) Ensure that an election that has been suspended, delayed, rescheduled, or otherwise affected by an emergency is conducted in a safe and orderly manner. The procedures must include a plan to coordinate the actions of the division, supervisors, county canvassing boards, and, if appropriate, members of the governing body holding such election.

(c) Determine the safety of existing polling places or designate additional polling places in coordination with the appropriate emergency management officials.

(d) Release and certify returns to the division for elections suspended, delayed, rescheduled, or otherwise affected by an emergency.

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(e) Coordinate efforts between supervisors in affected and unaffected counties to ensure voting opportunities for affected voters, including ensuring the delivery of vote-by-mail ballots to law enforcement officers, military personnel, first responders, and utility line workers.

(2) Each supervisor shall develop, in consultation with local emergency management officials, a local election emergency contingency plan. The contingency plan must be submitted to the division for approval by May 1 of every odd-numbered year. The division must determine whether the local election emergency contingency plan is sufficient no later than May 30. The division shall adopt rules to implement this subsection, including the creation of standard criteria for determining the sufficiency of local election emergency contingency plans.

**Section 5. Section 101.736, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

101.736 Election emergency training; best practices.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "tabletop exercise" means a session in which participants are guided through possible scenarios and discuss their roles and responsibilities if such a scenario occurs, as well as how they would respond to such a scenario.

(2) The Secretary of State, in coordination with supervisors, shall develop an election emergency training program. The training is required for newly elected or appointed

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supervisors and any critical staff, as determined by a supervisor. The Secretary of State shall update such training at least once every 4 years.

(3) By June 1 of every odd-numbered year, the Secretary of State shall convene a workgroup to create a list of best practices for conducting an election during an emergency.

(a) The workgroup must include at least 10 current supervisors.

(b) The workgroup must participate in tabletop exercises involving election emergencies.

(4) Using the list created in subsection (3), the Secretary of State must:

(a) Incorporate practices applicable to all counties into the statewide election emergency contingency plan under s. 101.735(1).

(b) Recommend practices applicable to specific counties to the applicable supervisor for inclusion in the supervisor's local election emergency contingency plan under s. 101.735(2).

**Section 6. Section 163.31795, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

163.31795 Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term:

(a) "Cumulative substantial improvement period" means the period during which an aggregate of improvements or repairs are

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214 considered for purposes of determining substantial improvement  
215 as defined in s. 161.54(12).

216 (b) "Local government" has the same meaning as in s.  
217 163.2514.

218 (2) A local government that is participating in the  
219 National Flood Insurance Program may not adopt a cumulative  
220 substantial improvement period that is longer than 1 year.

221 **Section 7. Subsection (14) is added to section 163.31801,**  
222 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

223 163.31801 Impact fees; short title; intent; minimum  
224 requirements; audits; challenges.—

225 (14) A local government, school district, or special  
226 district may not assess an impact fee for the reconstruction or  
227 replacement of a previously existing structure if the  
228 replacement structure is of the same land use as the original  
229 structure. However, a local government, school district, or  
230 special district that uses a tiered scale to assess impact fees  
231 may assess an impact fee equal to the impact fee for the  
232 replacement structure less the impact fee for the original  
233 structure.

234 **Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section**  
235 **193.155, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

236 193.155 Homestead assessments.—Homestead property shall be  
237 assessed at just value as of January 1, 1994. Property receiving  
238 the homestead exemption after January 1, 1994, shall be assessed

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at just value as of January 1 of the year in which the property receives the exemption unless the provisions of subsection (8) apply.

(4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) and s. 193.624, changes, additions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of the first January 1 after the changes, additions, or improvements are substantially completed. Maintenance or repair of the homestead property, including roof or window replacement, may not be considered to be a change, an addition, or an improvement under this subsection.

(b)1. Changes, additions, or improvements that replace all or a portion of homestead property, including ancillary improvements, damaged or destroyed by misfortune or calamity shall be assessed upon substantial completion as provided in this paragraph. Such assessment must be calculated using the homestead property's assessed value as of the January 1 immediately before the date on which the damage or destruction was sustained, subject to the assessment limitations in subsections (1) and (2), when:

a. The square footage of the homestead property as changed or improved does not exceed 130 ~~140~~ percent of the square footage of the homestead property before the damage or destruction; or

b. The total square footage of the homestead property as changed or improved does not exceed 2,000 ~~1,500~~ square feet.

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2. The homestead property's assessed value must be increased by the just value of that portion of the changed or improved homestead property which is in excess of 130 ~~110~~ percent of the square footage of the homestead property before the damage or destruction or of that portion exceeding 2,000 ~~1,500~~ square feet.

3. Homestead property damaged or destroyed by misfortune or calamity which, after being changed or improved, has a square footage of less than 100 percent of the homestead property's total square footage before the damage or destruction shall be assessed pursuant to subsection (5).

4. Changes, additions, or improvements assessed pursuant to this paragraph must be reassessed pursuant to subsection (1) in subsequent years. This paragraph applies to changes, additions, or improvements commenced within 5 years after the January 1 following the damage or destruction of the homestead.

**Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 215.559, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.—A Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program is established in the Division of Emergency Management.

(1) The Legislature shall annually appropriate \$10 million of the moneys authorized for appropriation under s. 215.555(7)(c) from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to the

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division for the purposes set forth in this section. Of the amount:

(b) Three million dollars in funds shall be used to construct or retrofit facilities used as public hurricane shelters. Each year the division shall prioritize the use of these funds for projects included in the annual report ~~of the Shelter Development Report~~ prepared in accordance with s. 252.385(3). The division shall ~~must~~ give funding priority to projects located in counties regional planning council regions that have shelter deficits, projects that are publicly owned, other than schools, and ~~to~~ projects that maximize the use of state funds.

**Section 10. Section 250.375, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

250.375 Medical officer authorization.—A servicemember trained to provide medical care who is assigned to a military duty position and authorized by the Florida National Guard to provide medical care by virtue of such duty position may provide such medical care to military personnel and civilians within this state ~~physician who holds an active license to practice medicine in any state, a United States territory, or the District of Columbia,~~ while serving as a medical officer with or in support of the Florida National Guard, pursuant to federal or state orders, ~~may practice medicine on military personnel or~~

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312 ~~civilians during an emergency or declared disaster or during~~  
313 ~~federal military training.~~

314 **Section 11. Paragraphs (a), (c), (s), and (x) of**  
315 **subsection (2) of section 252.35, Florida Statutes, are amended**  
316 **to read:**

317 252.35 Emergency management powers; Division of Emergency  
318 Management.—

319 (2) The division is responsible for carrying out the  
320 provisions of ss. 252.31-252.90. In performing its duties, the  
321 division shall:

322 (a) Prepare a state comprehensive emergency management  
323 plan, which must ~~shall~~ be integrated into and coordinated with  
324 the emergency management plans and programs of the Federal  
325 Government. The division shall adopt the plan as a rule in  
326 accordance with chapter 120. The plan must be implemented by a  
327 continuous, integrated comprehensive emergency management  
328 program. The plan must contain provisions to ensure that the  
329 state is prepared for emergencies and minor, major, and  
330 catastrophic disasters, and the division shall work closely with  
331 local governments and agencies and organizations with emergency  
332 management responsibilities in preparing and maintaining the  
333 plan. The state comprehensive emergency management plan must be  
334 operations oriented and:

335 1. Include an evacuation component that includes specific  
336 regional and interregional planning provisions and promotes

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337 intergovernmental coordination of evacuation activities. This  
338 component must, at a minimum: contain guidelines for lifting  
339 tolls on state highways; ensure coordination pertaining to  
340 evacuees crossing county lines; set forth procedures for  
341 directing people caught on evacuation routes to safe shelter;  
342 establish strategies for ensuring sufficient, reasonably priced  
343 fueling locations along evacuation routes; and establish  
344 policies and strategies for emergency medical evacuations.

345 2. Include a shelter component that includes specific  
346 regional and interregional planning provisions and promotes  
347 coordination of shelter activities between the public, private,  
348 and nonprofit sectors. This component must, at a minimum:  
349 contain strategies to ensure the availability of adequate public  
350 shelter space in each county ~~region of the state~~; establish  
351 strategies for refuge-of-last-resort programs; provide  
352 strategies to assist local emergency management efforts to  
353 ensure that adequate staffing plans exist for all shelters,  
354 including medical and security personnel; provide for a  
355 postdisaster communications system for public shelters;  
356 establish model shelter guidelines for operations, registration,  
357 inventory, power generation capability, information management,  
358 and staffing; and set forth policy guidance for sheltering  
359 people with special needs.

360 3. Include a postdisaster response and recovery component  
361 that includes specific regional and interregional planning

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provisions and promotes intergovernmental coordination of postdisaster response and recovery activities. This component must provide for postdisaster response and recovery strategies according to whether a disaster is minor, major, or catastrophic. The postdisaster response and recovery component must, at a minimum: establish the structure of the state's postdisaster response and recovery organization; establish procedures for activating the state's plan; set forth policies used to guide postdisaster response and recovery activities; describe the chain of command during the postdisaster response and recovery period; describe initial and continuous postdisaster response and recovery actions; identify the roles and responsibilities of each involved agency and organization; provide for a comprehensive communications plan; establish procedures for monitoring mutual aid agreements; provide for rapid impact assessment teams; ensure the availability of an effective statewide urban search and rescue program coordinated with the fire services; ensure the existence of a comprehensive statewide medical care and relief plan administered by the Department of Health; and establish systems for coordinating volunteers and accepting and distributing donated funds and goods.

4. Include additional provisions addressing aspects of preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation as determined necessary by the division.

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5. Address the need for coordinated and expeditious deployment of state resources, including the Florida National Guard. In the case of an imminent major disaster, procedures should address predeployment of the Florida National Guard, and, in the case of an imminent catastrophic disaster, procedures should address predeployment of the Florida National Guard and the United States Armed Forces.

6. Establish a system of communications and warning to ensure that the state's population and emergency management agencies are warned of developing emergency situations, including public health emergencies, and can communicate emergency response decisions.

7. Establish guidelines and schedules for annual exercises that evaluate the ability of the state and its political subdivisions to respond to minor, major, and catastrophic disasters and support local emergency management agencies. Such exercises shall be coordinated with local governments and, to the extent possible, the Federal Government.

8. Assign lead and support responsibilities to state agencies and personnel for emergency support functions and other support activities.

9. Include the public health emergency plan developed by the Department of Health pursuant to s. 381.00315.

10. Include an update on the status of the emergency management capabilities of the state and its political

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subdivisions. The update must include the emergency management capabilities related to public health emergencies, as determined in collaboration with the Department of Health.

The complete state comprehensive emergency management plan must be submitted to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor on February 1 of every even-numbered year.

(c) Assist political subdivisions in preparing and maintaining emergency management plans. Such assistance must include the development of a template for comprehensive emergency management plans, including plans for natural disasters, and guidance on the development of mutual aid agreements.

(s) Complete an inventory of disaster response equipment, including portable generators owned by the state and local governments which are capable of operating during a major disaster. The inventory must identify, at a minimum, the location of each generator, the number of generators stored at each specific location, the agency to which each generator belongs, the primary use of the generator by the owner agency, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons having the authority to loan the stored generators as authorized by the division during a declared emergency.

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~~(x) Report biennially to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Governor, no later than February 1 of every odd-numbered year, the status of the emergency management capabilities of the state and its political subdivisions. This report must include the emergency management capabilities related to public health emergencies, as determined in collaboration with the Department of Health.~~

**Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 252.355, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

252.355 Registry of persons with special needs; notice; registration program.—

(2) In order to ensure that all persons with special needs may register, the division shall develop and maintain a special needs shelter registration program. During a public health emergency in which physical distancing is necessary, as determined by the State Health Officer, the division must maintain information on special needs shelter options that mitigate the threat of the spread of infectious diseases.

(b) To assist in identifying persons with special needs, home health agencies, hospices, nurse registries, home medical equipment providers, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Education, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the

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Department of Elderly Affairs, and memory disorder clinics shall, and any physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 and any pharmacy licensed under chapter 465 may, annually provide registration information to all of their special needs clients or their caregivers. The division shall develop a brochure that provides information regarding special needs shelter registration procedures. The brochure must be easily accessible on the division's website. All appropriate agencies and community-based service providers, including aging and disability resource centers, memory disorder clinics, home health care providers, hospices, nurse registries, and home medical equipment providers, shall, and any physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 may, assist emergency management agencies by annually registering persons with special needs for special needs shelters, collecting registration information for persons with special needs as part of the program intake process, and establishing programs to educate clients about the registration process and disaster preparedness safety procedures. A client of a state-funded or federally funded service program who has a physical, mental, or cognitive impairment or sensory disability and who needs assistance in evacuating, or when in a shelter, must register as a person with special needs. The registration program shall give persons with special needs the option of preauthorizing emergency response personnel to enter their homes during search and rescue

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operations if necessary to ensure their safety and welfare following disasters.

**Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 252.3611, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:**

252.3611 Transparency; audits.—

(2) If ~~When~~ the duration of a declaration of a state of an emergency issued by the Governor exceeds 90 days:

(a) 1. The Executive Office of the Governor or the appropriate agency, within 72 hours ~~after~~ of executing a contract executed with moneys authorized for expenditure to support the response to the declared state of emergency, ~~must~~ the Executive Office of the Governor or the appropriate agency ~~shall~~ submit a copy of such contract to the Legislature. For contracts executed during the first 90 days of the declared state of emergency, the Executive Office of the Governor or the appropriate agency shall submit a copy to the Legislature within the first 120 days of the declared state of emergency.

2. All contracts executed to support the response to a declared state of emergency, including contracts executed before a declared state of emergency to secure resources or services in advance or anticipation of an emergency, must be posted on the secure contract tracking system required under s. 215.985(14).

(b) The Executive Office of the Governor or the appropriate agency shall submit monthly reports to the

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Legislature of all state expenditures, revenues received, and funds transferred by an agency during the previous month to support the declared state of emergency.

(5) Annually by January 15, the division shall report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the appropriations committee of each house of the Legislature on expenditures related to emergencies incurred over the year from November 1 of the previous year. The report must include:

(a) A separate summary of each emergency event, whether complete or ongoing, and key actions taken by the division.

(b) Details of expenditures, separated by emergency event and agency, for preparing for, responding to, or recovering from the event. The report must specify detailed expenditures for the entire report time period; specify total expenditures for the event; and indicate amounts that are being or are anticipated to be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or other federal entity, amounts ineligible for reimbursement, and any amounts deobligated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or other federal entity for reimbursement. The division shall review expenditures by state agencies to ensure that efforts, purchases, contracts, or expenditures are not duplicated.

(c) An accounting of all inventory and assets purchased, separated by emergency event and agency, for preparing for,

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responding to, or recovering from the event, including motor vehicles, boats, computers, and other equipment, and the current status of such assets, including divestment, sale, or donation by the state. The report must include a detailed accounting for the entire report time period and specify a total for the event.

**Section 14. Subsection (4) of section 252.365, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

252.365 Emergency coordination officers; disaster-preparedness plans.—

(4) On or before May 1 of each year, the head of each agency shall notify the Governor and the division in writing of the person initially designated as the emergency coordination officer for such agency and her or his alternate and of any changes in persons so designated thereafter

**Section 15. Present paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (5) of section 252.37, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (d) and (e), respectively, a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, and subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:**

252.37 Financing.—

(5) Unless otherwise specified in the General Appropriations Act:

(c) If the division intends to accept or apply for federal funds for a division-administered program that is new, that will be implemented in a manner that is innovative or significantly

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different from the manner in which the program is typically administered, or that will require a state match for which the division will be required to seek new budget authority, the division must notify the Legislature of its intent to accept or apply for the federal funds. The notice must detail the federal program under which the funds will be accepted or applied for, the intended purpose and use of the funds, and the amount of funds, including the estimated state match.

(7) The division shall take steps to maximize the availability and expedite the distribution of financial assistance from the federal government to state and local agencies. Such steps must include the standardization and streamlining of the application process for financial assistance through the federal Public Assistance Program and provision of assistance to applicants in order to mitigate the risk of noncompliance with federal program requirements. The division shall use federal funds allocated as management costs or other funds as appropriated to implement this subsection.

**Section 16. Section 252.3713, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

252.3713 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.—

(1) The division shall administer the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program as authorized and described in s. 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act,



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as amended by Pub. L. No. 103-181, Pub. L. No. 103-337, and Pub. L. No. 106-390.

(2) The division may retain no more than 25 percent of the total federal allocation of funds received for use within the state. A minimum of 75 percent of any funds received pursuant to a declared disaster must be distributed for use by the subrecipients in the counties specified in the Presidential Disaster Declaration for that disaster. However, a subrecipient may elect to share some or all of its allocation with the division to be used for projects benefiting the region in which the subrecipient is located.

(3) The division and subrecipients shall prioritize projects that fulfill the following purposes when adopting mitigation strategies and plans and applying for funds under the grant program:

(a) Reducing shelter space deficits through retrofitting of existing shelters and hardening of public buildings that are not schools. Reducing deficits in shelter space intended to accommodate individuals with special needs must be prioritized before addressing deficits in other types of shelter space.

(b) Mitigating impacts to public infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and stormwater, water, and sewer systems, to enhance resistance to natural hazards and prevent and reduce losses.

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609        (c) Mitigating impacts to school facilities which will  
610 reduce future disaster losses and make the facilities more  
611 resistant to natural hazards.

612        (d) Retrofitting of regional and local emergency  
613 management or operations centers.

614        (e) Other projects that the division may define by rule.

615        (4) The division may coordinate with other state agencies  
616 and political subdivisions to develop and implement innovative  
617 approaches to funding mitigation projects using grants under the  
618 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, including, but not limited to,  
619 combining funding received from multiple federal and state  
620 programs. The division, in cooperation with other state agencies  
621 that administer federal grant programs, shall ensure that:

622        (a) Projects funded through multiple programs comply with  
623 all applicable federal and state requirements of the respective  
624 programs under which funding was received.

625        (b) Funding is used for projects in the geographic areas  
626 specified in the grant of funding.

627        (5) A fiscally constrained county may request that the  
628 division administer the grant for such county. A fiscally  
629 constrained county may request additional assistance from the  
630 division in preparing applications for grants and developing a  
631 structure for implementing, monitoring the execution of, and  
632 closing out projects.

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(6) The division shall adopt rules to implement this section.

**Section 17. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 252.373, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

252.373 Allocation of funds; rules.—

(2) The division shall allocate funds from the Emergency Management, Preparedness, and Assistance Trust Fund to local emergency management agencies and programs pursuant to criteria specified in rule. Such rules shall include, but are not limited to:

(a) Requiring that, at a minimum, a local emergency management agency either:

1. Have a program director who works at least 40 hours a week in that capacity; or

2. If the county has fewer than 75,000 population or is party to an interjurisdictional emergency management agreement entered into pursuant to s. 252.38(3)(c) ~~s. 252.38(3)(b)~~, that is recognized by the Governor by executive order or rule, have an emergency management coordinator who works at least 20 hours a week in that capacity.

**Section 18. Present paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) of section 252.38, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (b) and (c), respectively, a new paragraph (a) is added to that subsection, and paragraph (a) of subsection (1) is amended, to read:**

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252.38 Emergency management powers of political subdivisions.—Safeguarding the life and property of its citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state.

(1) COUNTIES.—

(a) In order to provide effective and orderly governmental control and coordination of emergency operations in emergencies within the scope of ss. 252.31-252.90, each county within this state shall be within the jurisdiction of, and served by, the division. Except as otherwise provided in ss. 252.31-252.90, each local emergency management agency shall have jurisdiction over and serve an entire county. Unless part of an interjurisdictional emergency management agreement entered into pursuant to paragraph (3) (c) ~~(3) (b)~~ which is recognized by the Governor by executive order or rule, each county must establish and maintain such an emergency management agency and shall develop a county emergency management plan and program that is coordinated and consistent with the state comprehensive emergency management plan and program. Counties that are part of an interjurisdictional emergency management agreement entered into pursuant to paragraph (3) (c) ~~(3) (b)~~ which is recognized by the Governor by executive order or rule shall cooperatively develop an emergency management plan and program that is coordinated and consistent with the state comprehensive emergency management plan and program.

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683 (3) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS; POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.—

684 (a) Each political subdivision shall notify the division  
685 on or before May 1 each year of the person designated as the  
686 emergency contact for the political subdivision and his or her  
687 alternate and of any changes in persons so designated  
688 thereafter. For a county, the emergency contact must be the  
689 county emergency management director.

690 **Section 19. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 252.385,**  
691 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

692 252.385 Public shelter space; public records exemption.—

693 (2)~~(a)~~ The division shall administer a program to survey  
694 existing schools, universities, community colleges, and other  
695 state-owned, municipally owned, and county-owned public  
696 buildings and any private facility that the owner, in writing,  
697 agrees to provide for use as a public hurricane evacuation  
698 shelter to identify those that are appropriately designed and  
699 located to serve as such shelters. The owners of the facilities  
700 must be given the opportunity to participate in the surveys. The  
701 state university boards of trustees, district school boards,  
702 community college boards of trustees, and the Department of  
703 Education are responsible for coordinating and implementing the  
704 survey of public schools, universities, and community colleges  
705 with the division or the local emergency management agency.

706 ~~(b) By January 31 of each even-numbered year, the division~~  
707 ~~shall prepare and submit a statewide emergency shelter plan to~~

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~~the Governor and Cabinet for approval, subject to the requirements for approval in s. 1013.37(2). The emergency shelter plan must project, for each of the next 5 years, the hurricane shelter needs of the state, including periods of time during which a concurrent public health emergency may necessitate more space for each individual to accommodate physical distancing. In addition to information on the general shelter needs throughout this state, the plan must identify the general location and square footage of special needs shelters, by regional planning council region. The plan must also include information on the availability of shelters that accept pets. The Department of Health shall assist the division in determining the estimated need for special needs shelter space and the adequacy of facilities to meet the needs of persons with special needs based on information from the registries of persons with special needs and other information.~~

(3)(a) The division shall annually provide by October 15 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report that includes, ~~and the Governor~~ a list of facilities recommended to be retrofitted using state funds. State funds should be maximized and targeted to projects in counties ~~regional planning council regions~~ with hurricane evacuation shelter deficits. Additionally, the division shall prioritize on the list of recommended facilities other state-owned, municipal-owned, and county-owned public

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733 buildings, other than schools, for retrofit using state funds.

734 The owner or lessee of a public hurricane evacuation shelter  
735 that is included on the list of facilities recommended for  
736 retrofitting is not required to perform any recommended  
737 improvements.

738 (b) The report required in paragraph (a) must include a  
739 statewide emergency shelter plan that must project, for each of  
740 the next 5 years, the hurricane shelter needs of the state. In  
741 addition to information on the general shelter needs throughout  
742 this state, the plan must identify, by county, the general  
743 location and square footage of special needs shelters. The plan  
744 must also include information on the availability of shelters  
745 that accept pets. The Department of Health and the Agency for  
746 Persons with Disabilities shall assist the division in  
747 determining the estimated need for special needs shelter space,  
748 the estimated need for general shelter space to accommodate  
749 persons with developmental disabilities, including, but not  
750 limited to, autism, and the adequacy of facilities to meet the  
751 needs of persons with special needs based on information from  
752 the registries of persons with special needs and other  
753 information.

754 **Section 20. Section 252.381, Florida Statutes, is created**  
755 **to read:**

756 252.381 Information related to natural emergencies; post-  
757 storm county and municipal permitting; operations.-

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758       (1) Each county and municipality must post on its publicly  
759 accessible website:

760       (a) A frequently asked questions web page related to  
761 natural emergency response, emergency preparedness, and public  
762 relief for residents following an emergency. The web page must  
763 answer questions concerning resident evacuations; safety tips;  
764 generator, food and drinking water, and wastewater and  
765 stormwater safety; damage assessment; debris cleanup; accessing  
766 assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and  
767 this state; building recovery; natural emergency guidance;  
768 applicable laws; and what to do before, during, and after an  
769 emergency.

770       (b) A disaster supply list and a list of emergency  
771 shelters.

772       (c) Links to information about flood zones.

773       (d) A checklist for residents explaining next steps to  
774 take during postdisaster recovery.

775       (2) Each county and municipality shall develop a post-  
776 storm permitting plan to expedite recovery and rebuilding by  
777 providing for special building permit and inspection procedures  
778 after a hurricane or tropical storm. The plan must, at a  
779 minimum:

780       (a) Ensure sufficient personnel are prepared and available  
781 to expeditiously manage post-disaster building inspection,  
782 permitting, and enforcement tasks. The plan must anticipate

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conditions that would necessitate supplemental personnel for such tasks and address methods for fulfilling such personnel needs, including through mutual aid agreements as authorized in s. 252.40, other arrangements, such as those with private sector contractors, or supplemental state or federal funding. The plan must include training requirements and protocols for supplemental personnel to ensure compliance with local floodplain management requirements that apply within the county or municipality.

(b) Account for multiple or alternate locations where building permit services may be offered in-person to the public following a hurricane or tropical storm, during regular business hours.

(c) Specify a protocol to expedite permitting procedures and, if practicable, for the waiver or reduction of applicable fees in accordance with and in addition to the procedures and waivers provided for under s. 553.7922. The plan must identify the types of permits that are frequently requested following a hurricane or tropical storm and methods to expedite the processing of such permits.

(d) Specify procedures and resources necessary to promote expeditious debris removal following a hurricane or tropical storm.

(3) (a) Each county and municipality shall publish on its website a hurricane and tropical storm recovery permitting guide

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808 for residential and commercial property owners. The guide must  
809 describe:

810 1. The types of post-storm repairs that require a permit  
811 and applicable fees.

812 2. The types of post-storm repairs that do not require a  
813 permit.

814 3. The post-storm permit application process and specific  
815 modifications the county or municipality commonly makes to  
816 expedite the process, including the physical locations where  
817 permitting services will be offered.

818 4. Local requirements for rebuilding specific to the  
819 county or municipality, including elevation requirements  
820 following substantial damage and substantial improvement  
821 pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and any  
822 local amendments to the building code.

823 (b) As soon as practicable following a hurricane or  
824 tropical storm, a county or municipality within the area for  
825 which a state of emergency pursuant to s. 252.36 for such  
826 hurricane or tropical storm is declared shall publish updates on  
827 its website to the information required under paragraph (a)  
828 which are specific to such storm, including any permitting fee  
829 waivers or reductions.

830 (4) For 180 days after a state of emergency is declared  
831 pursuant to s. 252.36 for a hurricane or tropical storm, a  
832 county or municipality within the area for which the state of

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emergency is declared may not increase building permit or inspection fees.

(5) Each county and municipality must provide an online option for receiving, reviewing, and accessing substantial damage and substantial improvement letters. The county or municipality must allow homeowners to provide an e-mail address where they can receive digital copies of such letters.

(6) As soon as reasonably possible, each county and municipality that has experienced a direct impact from a natural emergency must use its best efforts to open a permitting office at which residents can access government services for at least 40 hours per week.

(7) Beginning October 1, 2025, emergency management personnel of a county or municipality, and individuals who perform key roles in postdisaster response for a county or municipality, must complete the training provided pursuant to s. 252.35 every 2 years.

**Section 21. Section 252.421, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

252.421 Management of roadway debris related to natural emergencies.— The division shall coordinate with fiscally constrained counties, as described in s. 218.67(1), included in a declared state of emergency for a natural emergency and the Department of Transportation to provide such counties with state

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resources to remove debris from roadways, including roadways  
that are publicly accessible but not maintained by the county.

**Section 22. Section 252.422, Florida Statutes, is created**  
**to read:**

252.422 Restrictions on county or municipal regulations  
after a hurricane.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "impacted local  
government" means a county or municipality located entirely or  
partially within 100 miles of the track of a storm declared to  
be a hurricane by the National Hurricane Center. The term only  
includes such local governments within 100 miles of the track  
while the storm was categorized as a hurricane.

(2) For 2 years after a hurricane makes landfall, an  
impacted local government may not propose or adopt:

(a) A moratorium on construction, reconstruction, or  
redevelopment of any property.

(b) A more restrictive or burdensome amendment to its  
comprehensive plan or land development regulations.

(c) A more restrictive or burdensome procedure concerning  
review, approval, or issuance of a site plan, development  
permit, or development order, to the extent that those terms are  
defined in s. 163.3164.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a comprehensive plan  
amendment, land development regulation amendment, site plan,  
development permit, or development order approved or adopted by

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an impacted local government before or after the effective date of this act may be enforced if:

(a) The associated application is initiated by a private party other than the impacted local government.

(b) The property that is the subject of the application is owned by the initiating private party.

(4) (a) Any person may file suit against any impacted local government for declaratory and injunctive relief to enforce this section.

(b) A county or municipality may request a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction as to whether such action violates this section. Upon such a request, the county or municipality may not enforce the action until the court has issued a preliminary or final judgment determining whether the action violates this section.

(c) Before a plaintiff may file suit, the plaintiff shall notify the impacted local government by setting forth the facts upon which the complaint or petition is based and the reasons the impacted local government's action violates this section. Upon receipt of the notice, the impacted local government shall have 14 days to withdraw or revoke the action at issue or otherwise declare it void. If the impacted local government does not withdraw or revoke the action at issue within the time prescribed, the plaintiff may file suit. The plaintiff shall be entitled to entry of a preliminary injunction to prevent the

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impacted local government from implementing the challenged  
action during pendency of the litigation. In any action  
instituted pursuant to this paragraph, the prevailing plaintiff  
shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs.

(d) In any case brought under this section, any party is  
entitled to the summary procedure provided in s. 51.011, and the  
court shall advance the cause on the calendar.

**Section 23. Section 252.505, Florida Statutes, is created**  
**to read:**

252.505 Breach of contract during emergency recovery  
periods for natural emergencies.—Each state or local government  
contract for goods or services related to emergency response for  
a natural emergency entered into, renewed, or amended on or  
after July 1, 2025, must include a provision that requires a  
vendor or service provider that breaches such contract during an  
emergency recovery period to pay actual and consequential  
damages and a \$5,000 penalty. As used in this section, the term  
"emergency recovery period" means a 1-year period that begins on  
the date that the Governor initially declared a state of  
emergency for a natural emergency.

**Section 24. Subsection (1) of section 400.063, Florida**  
**Statutes, is amended to read:**

400.063 Resident protection.—

(1) The Health Care Trust Fund shall be used for the  
purpose of collecting and disbursing funds generated from the

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license fees and administrative fines as provided for in ss. 393.0673(5), 400.062(3), 400.121(2), and 400.23(8). Such funds shall be for the sole purpose of paying for the appropriate alternate placement, care, and treatment of residents who are removed from a facility licensed under this part or a facility specified in s. 393.0678(1) in which the agency determines that existing conditions or practices constitute an immediate danger to the health, safety, or security of the residents. If the agency determines that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, or security of the residents to provide for an orderly removal of the residents from the facility, the agency may utilize such funds to maintain and care for the residents in the facility pending removal and alternative placement. The maintenance and care of the residents shall be under the direction and control of a receiver appointed pursuant to s. 393.0678(1) or s. 400.126(1). However, funds may be expended in an emergency upon a filing of a petition for a receiver, upon the declaration of a state of local emergency pursuant to s. 252.38(3)(b)5. ~~s. 252.38(3)(a)5.~~, or upon a duly authorized local order of evacuation of a facility by emergency personnel to protect the health and safety of the residents.

**Section 25. Subsection (7) of section 403.7071, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:**

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956 403.7071 Management of storm-generated debris.—Solid waste  
957 generated as a result of a storm event that is the subject of an  
958 emergency order issued by the department may be managed as  
959 follows:

960 (7) Unless otherwise specified in a contract or franchise  
961 agreement between a local government and a private solid waste  
962 or debris management service provider, a private solid waste or  
963 debris management service provider is not required to collect  
964 storm-generated yard trash. Local governments are authorized and  
965 encouraged to add an addendum to existing contracts or franchise  
966 agreements for collection of storm-generated debris.

967 (8) (a) Each county and municipality shall apply to the  
968 department for authorization of at least one debris management  
969 site as described in subsection (2) and shall annually seek  
970 preauthorization for any previously approved debris management  
971 sites, as allowed by the department.

972 (b) A municipality may jointly apply for authorization of  
973 a debris management site with a county or at least one adjacent  
974 municipality, if the parties develop and approve a memorandum of  
975 understanding. Such memorandum must clearly outline the capacity  
976 of the debris management site and location of the site relative  
977 to each party. The memorandum of understanding must be approved  
978 annually as part of the preauthorization process described in  
979 paragraph (a).



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**Section 26. Section 489.1132, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

489.1132 Regulation of hoisting equipment used in construction, demolition, or excavation work during a hurricane.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Hoisting equipment" means power-operated cranes, derricks, and hoists used in construction, demolition, or excavation work that are regulated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration under 29 C.F.R. 66 parts 1910.66 and 1926.66.

(b) "Mobile crane" means a type of hoisting equipment incorporating a cable-suspended latticed boom or hydraulic telescoping boom designed to be moved between operating locations by transport over a roadway. The term does not include a mobile crane with a boom length of less than 25 feet or a maximum rated load capacity of less than 15,000 pounds.

(c) "Tower crane" means a type of hoisting equipment using a vertical mast or tower to support a working boom in an elevated position if the working boom can rotate to move loads laterally either by rotating at the top of the mast or tower or by the rotation of the mast or tower itself, whether the mast or tower base is fixed in one location or ballasted and moveable between locations.

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1004        (2) (a) When a tower crane or mobile crane is located on a  
1005 worksite, a hurricane preparedness plan for the crane must be  
1006 available for inspection at the worksite.

1007        (b) In preparation for a hurricane, hoisting equipment  
1008 must be secured in the following manner no later than 24 hours  
1009 before the impacts of the hurricane are anticipated to begin:

1010        1. All hoisting equipment must be secured in compliance  
1011 with manufacturer recommendations relating to hurricane and  
1012 high-wind events, including any recommendations relating to the  
1013 placement, use, and removal of advertising banners and rigging.

1014        2. Tower crane turntables must be lubricated before the  
1015 event.

1016        3. Fixed booms on mobile cranes must be laid down whenever  
1017 feasible.

1018        4. Booms on hydraulic cranes must be retracted and stored.

1019        5. The counterweights of any hoists must be locked below  
1020 the top tie-in.

1021        6. Tower cranes must be set in the weathervane position.

1022        7. All rigging must be removed from hoist blocks.

1023        8. All power at the base of tower cranes must be  
1024 disconnected.

1025        (3) A person licensed under this part who intentionally  
1026 violates this section is subject to discipline under ss. 455.227  
1027 and 489.129.

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**Section 27.** The Division of Emergency Management shall consult with local governments, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the Department of Environmental Protection, and any other appropriate agencies to develop recommendations for statutory changes necessary to streamline the permitting process for repairing and rebuilding structures damaged during natural emergencies. By July 1, 2026, the division shall provide a report containing such recommendations to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**Section 28.** (1) Each county listed in the federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Debby (DR-4806), Hurricane Helene (DR-4828), or Hurricane Milton (DR-4834), and each municipality within one of those counties, shall not propose or adopt any moratorium on construction, reconstruction, or redevelopment of any property damaged by such hurricanes; propose or adopt more restrictive or burdensome amendments to its comprehensive plan or land development regulations; or propose or adopt more restrictive or burdensome procedures concerning review, approval, or issuance of a site plan, development permit, or development order, to the extent that those terms are defined by s. 163.3164, Florida Statutes, before October 1, 2027, and any such moratorium or restrictive or burdensome comprehensive plan amendment, land development

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regulation, or procedure shall be null and void ab initio. This subsection applies retroactively to August 1, 2024.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any comprehensive plan amendment, land development regulation amendment, site plan, development permit, or development order approved or adopted by a county or municipality before or after the effective date of this section may be enforced if:

(a) The associated application is initiated by a private party other than the county or municipality.

(b) The property that is the subject of the application is owned by the initiating private party.

(3) (a) A resident of or the owner of a business in a county or municipality may bring a civil action for declaratory and injunctive relief against the county or municipality for a violation of this section. Pending adjudication of the action and upon filing of a complaint showing a violation of this section, the resident or business owner is entitled to a preliminary injunction against the county or municipality preventing implementation of the moratorium or the comprehensive plan amendment, land development regulation, or procedure. If such civil action is successful, the resident or business owner is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs.

(b) Attorney fees and costs and damages may not be awarded pursuant to this subsection if:

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1. The resident or business owner provides the governing body of the county or municipality written notice that a proposed or enacted moratorium, comprehensive plan amendment, land development regulation, or procedure is in violation of this section; and

2. The governing body of the county or municipality withdraws the proposed moratorium, comprehensive plan amendment, land development regulation, or procedure within 14 days; or, in the case of an adopted moratorium, comprehensive plan amendment, land development regulation, or procedure, the governing body of a county or municipality notices an intent to repeal within 14 days after receipt of the notice and repeals the moratorium, comprehensive plan amendment, land development regulation, or procedure within 14 days thereafter.

(4) This section shall take effect upon becoming a law and expires June 30, 2028.

**Section 29.** The Division of Law Revision is directed to replace the phrase "the effective date of this act" wherever it occurs in this act with the date this act becomes a law.

**Section 30.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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1101 An act relating to emergencies; amending s. 83.63,  
1102 F.S.; requiring certain tenants to be given specified  
1103 opportunities or notice; amending s. 101.733, F.S.;  
1104 removing provisions relating to an elections emergency  
1105 contingency plan; creating s. 101.7325, F.S.;  
1106 authorizing certain supervisors of elections to take  
1107 specified actions under certain circumstances;  
1108 requiring such supervisors to use specified methods to  
1109 inform affected voters of election changes; creating  
1110 s. 101.735, F.S.; requiring the Division of Elections  
1111 to develop a statewide election emergency contingency  
1112 plan for a specified purpose; requiring such plan to  
1113 include certain procedures; requiring supervisors of  
1114 elections to develop a local election emergency  
1115 contingency plan in consultation with certain  
1116 officials; requiring the plan to be submitted to the  
1117 division for approval by a certain date; requiring the  
1118 division to make a determination by a certain date;  
1119 requiring the division to adopt rules; amending s.  
1120 101.736, F.S.; defining the term "tabletop exercise";  
1121 requiring the Secretary of State, in coordination with  
1122 supervisors of elections, to develop an election  
1123 emergency training program; requiring the Secretary of  
1124 State to convene a workgroup for a certain purpose by  
1125 a specified date of every odd-numbered year; providing

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requirements for the workgroup; requiring the results of the workgroup to be used in a specified manner; creating s. 163.31795, F.S.; defining the terms "cumulative substantial improvement period" and "local government"; requiring local governments participating in a specified insurance program to adopt certain cumulative substantial improvement periods; amending s. 163.31801, F.S.; prohibiting certain entities from assessing impact fees for specified replacement structures; providing an exception; amending s. 193.155, F.S.; specifying how certain assessments must be calculated under certain conditions; amending s. 215.559, F.S.; deleting a reference to a certain report; revising public hurricane shelter funding prioritization requirements for the Division of Emergency Management; amending s. 250.375, F.S.; authorizing certain servicemembers to provide medical care in specified circumstances; amending s. 252.35, F.S.; revising the components of the state comprehensive emergency management plan; requiring the division to provide certain assistance to political subdivisions; deleting a requirement for a certain biennial report; amending s. 252.355, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide certain information to specified clients or

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1151 their caregivers; amending s. 252.3611, F.S.;

1152 directing specified entities to submit specified

1153 contracts and reports to the Legislature under

1154 specified conditions; requiring that such contracts be

1155 posted on a specified secure contract system;

1156 requiring the division to report annually to the

1157 Legislature specified information on expenditures

1158 related to emergencies; providing requirements for

1159 such report; amending s. 252.365, F.S.; requiring

1160 agency heads to notify the Governor and the division

1161 of the person designated as the emergency coordination

1162 officer annually by a specified date; amending s.

1163 252.37, F.S.; requiring the division to notify the

1164 Legislature of its intent to accept or apply for

1165 federal funds under certain circumstances; requiring

1166 the division to take steps to maximize the

1167 availability and expedite distribution of financial

1168 assistance from the Federal Government to state and

1169 local agencies; requiring that such steps include the

1170 standardization and streamlining of the application

1171 process for federal financial assistance and the

1172 provision of assistance to those applicants for a

1173 specified purpose; requiring the division to use

1174 certain federal funds to implement such requirements;

1175 creating s. 252.3713, F.S.; requiring the division to

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1176 administer the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program;  
1177 authorizing the division to retain a specified  
1178 percentage of the funds for use within the state;  
1179 requiring that the remaining percentage be distributed  
1180 for use by certain recipients; authorizing  
1181 subrecipients to make a certain election for a  
1182 specified use; requiring the prioritization of certain  
1183 projects; authorizing the division to coordinate with  
1184 specified entities under certain circumstances;  
1185 requiring that such cooperation ensures certain  
1186 requirements are met and certain projects are funded;  
1187 authorizing fiscally constrained counties to request  
1188 that the division administer the grant for such a  
1189 county; authorizing such counties to request certain  
1190 assistance from the division; requiring the division  
1191 to adopt rules; amending s. 252.373, F.S.; conforming  
1192 a cross-reference; amending s. 252.38, F.S.; requiring  
1193 county emergency management plans to include certain  
1194 policies; creating s. 252.381, F.S.; requiring  
1195 specified political subdivisions to provide certain  
1196 information on their websites, develop certain  
1197 procedures, and use their best efforts to open  
1198 permitting offices for at least 40 hours per week;  
1199 requiring counties and municipalities to develop a  
1200 post-storm permitting plan; providing requirements for

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1201 the plan; requiring counties and municipalities to  
1202 publish, and post on their websites, a specified storm  
1203 recovery guide; prohibiting certain counties and  
1204 municipalities from increasing building permit or  
1205 inspection fees within a specified timeframe;  
1206 requiring specified individuals to complete certain  
1207 training every 2 years beginning on a specified date;  
1208 amending s. 252.385, F.S.; revising reporting  
1209 requirements for the division; revising requirements  
1210 for a specified list; requiring the Department of  
1211 Health and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to  
1212 assist the division with certain determinations;  
1213 creating s. 252.421, F.S.; requiring the division to  
1214 coordinate with certain counties for a specified  
1215 purpose; creating s. 252.422, F.S.; defining the term  
1216 "impacted local government"; prohibiting impacted  
1217 local governments from proposing or adopting certain  
1218 moratoriums, amendments, or procedures for a specified  
1219 timeframe; authorizing the enforcement of certain  
1220 amendments, plans, permits, and orders under certain  
1221 circumstances; authorizing any person to file suit to  
1222 enforce specified provisions; authorizing certain  
1223 entities to request a court to make a specified  
1224 determination; prohibiting such entities from taking  
1225 certain actions until preliminary or final judgment;

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1226 requiring plaintiffs to provide certain notification  
1227 before filing suit; requiring impacted local  
1228 governments to take certain actions upon receipt of  
1229 such notification or a suit may be filed; providing  
1230 for reasonable attorney fees and costs; authorizing  
1231 the use of a certain summary procedure; requiring the  
1232 court to advance the cause on the calendar; creating  
1233 s. 252.505, F.S.; requiring certain contracts to  
1234 include a specified provision; defining the term  
1235 "emergency recovery period"; amending s. 400.063,  
1236 F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s.  
1237 403.7071, F.S.; providing that local governments are  
1238 authorized and encouraged to add certain addendums to  
1239 certain contracts or agreements; requiring counties  
1240 and municipalities to apply to the Department of  
1241 Environmental Protection for authorization to  
1242 designate at least one debris management site;  
1243 authorizing municipalities to apply jointly with a  
1244 county or adjacent municipality for authorization of a  
1245 minimum number of debris management sites if such  
1246 entities approve a memorandum of understanding;  
1247 providing requirements for such memorandum; creating  
1248 s. 489.1132, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring a  
1249 hurricane preparedness plan to be available for  
1250 inspection at certain worksites; requiring certain

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equipment to be secured in a specified manner no later than 24 hours before the impacts of a hurricane are anticipated to begin; providing penalties; requiring the division to consult with specified entities to develop certain recommendations and provide a report to the Legislature by a specified date; prohibiting certain counties from proposing or adopting certain moratoriums, amendments, or procedures for a specified period; declaring that such moratoriums, amendments, or procedures are null and void; providing for retroactive application; providing that certain comprehensive plan amendments, land development regulation amendments, site plans, and development permits or orders may be enforced under specified conditions; authorizing residents and owners of certain businesses to bring a civil action for declaratory and injunctive relief against a county or municipality that violates specified provisions; providing for the award of attorney fees and costs and damages under specified circumstances; providing for future expiration; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing an effective date.

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