

By the Committees on Regulated Industries; Community Affairs;
and Senator Constantine

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to energy efficiency and conservation;
3 amending s. 163.04, F.S.; revising provisions authorizing
4 the use of solar collectors and other energy devices;
5 amending s. 163.3177, F.S.; revising requirements for the
6 future land use element of a local comprehensive plan to
7 include energy-efficient land use patterns; requiring that
8 the traffic-circulation element of a local comprehensive
9 plan incorporate transportation strategies to reduce
10 greenhouse gas emissions; requiring each unit of local
11 government within an urbanized area to amend the
12 transportation element of a local comprehensive plan to
13 incorporate transportation strategies addressing reduction
14 in greenhouse gas emissions; requiring local governments
15 to adopt an energy element by January, 2011, as part of a
16 local comprehensive plan; amending s. 553.36, F.S.;

17 redefining the term "manufactured building" for purposes
18 of the Florida Manufactured Building Act to include
19 modular and factory-built buildings; amending s. 553.73,
20 F.S.; expanding required codes to be included in Florida
21 Building Code updates; amending s. 553.74., F.S.; revising
22 requirements for selecting members of the Florida Building
23 Commission; revising membership of the commission;
24 deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 553.75, F.S.;

25 authorizing the Florida Building Commission to use
26 communications media technology in conducting its meetings
27 or meetings held in conjunction with commission meetings;
28 providing for public comment at meetings of the
29 commission; amending s. 553.77, F.S.; authorizing the

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30 commission to implement recommendations relating to energy
31 efficiency in residential and commercial buildings;
32 creating s. 553.886, F.S.; requiring that the Florida
33 Building Code facilitate and promote the use of certain
34 renewable energy technologies in buildings; creating s.
35 553.9061, F.S.; establishing a schedule of required
36 increases in the energy performance of buildings subject
37 to the Florida Building Code; providing a process for
38 implementing goals to increase energy-efficiency
39 performance in new buildings; providing a schedule for the
40 implementation of such goals; identifying energy-
41 efficiency performance options and elements available to
42 meet energy-efficiency performance requirements; providing
43 a schedule for the review and adoption of renewable
44 energy-efficiency goals by the commission; requiring the
45 commission to conduct a study to evaluate the energy-
46 efficiency rating of new buildings and appliances;
47 requiring the commission to submit a report to the
48 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
49 Representatives on or before a specified date; requiring
50 the commission to conduct a study to evaluate
51 opportunities to restructure the Florida Energy Code for
52 Building Construction, including the integration of the
53 Thermal Efficiency Code, the Energy Conservation Standards
54 Act, and the Florida Building Energy-Efficiency Rating
55 Act; requiring the commission to submit a report to the
56 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
57 Representatives on or before a specified date; directing
58 the Department of Community Affairs, in conjunction with

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59 the Florida Energy Affordability Council, to identify and
60 review issues relating to the Low-Income Home Energy
61 Assistance Program and the Weatherization Assistance
62 Program; requiring the submission of a report to the
63 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
64 Representatives on or before a specified date; providing
65 for the expiration of certain study requirements;
66 repealing s. 553.731 F.S.; relating to wind-borne debris
67 protection requirements; amending s. 718.113, F.S.;

68 authorizing the board of a condominium or a
69 multicondominium install solar collectors, clotheslines,
70 or other energy-efficient devices on association property;
71 providing an effective date.

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

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75 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 163.04, Florida
76 Statutes, is amended to read:

77 163.04 Energy devices based on renewable resources.--

78 (2) A deed restriction, covenant, declaration, or similar
79 binding agreement may not ~~No deed restrictions, covenants, or~~
80 ~~similar binding agreements running with the land shall prohibit~~
81 or have the effect of prohibiting solar collectors, clotheslines,
82 or other energy devices based on renewable resources from being
83 installed on buildings erected on the lots or parcels covered by
84 the deed restriction, covenant, declaration, or binding agreement
85 ~~restrictions, covenants, or binding agreements~~. A property owner
86 may not be denied permission to install solar collectors or other
87 energy devices ~~based on renewable resources~~ by any entity granted

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88 | the power or right in any deed restriction, covenant,
89 | declaration, or similar binding agreement to approve, forbid,
90 | control, or direct alteration of property with respect to
91 | residential dwellings including condominium units. ~~not exceeding~~
92 | ~~three stories in height. For purposes of this subsection,~~ Such
93 | entity may determine the specific location where solar collectors
94 | may be installed on the roof within an orientation to the south
95 | or within 45° east or west of due south if provided that such
96 | determination does not impair the effective operation of the
97 | solar collectors.

98 | Section 2. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (j) of subsection (6)
99 | of section 163.3177, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph
100 | (l) is added to that subsection, to read:

101 | 163.3177 Required and optional elements of comprehensive
102 | plan; studies and surveys.--

103 | (6) In addition to the requirements of subsections (1)-(5)
104 | and (12), the comprehensive plan shall include the following
105 | elements:

106 | (a) A future land use plan element designating proposed
107 | future general distribution, location, and extent of the uses of
108 | land for residential uses, commercial uses, industry,
109 | agriculture, recreation, conservation, education, public
110 | buildings and grounds, other public facilities, and other
111 | categories of the public and private uses of land. Counties are
112 | encouraged to designate rural land stewardship areas, pursuant to
113 | the provisions of paragraph (11) (d), as overlays on the future
114 | land use map. Each future land use category must be defined in
115 | terms of uses included, and must include standards to be followed
116 | in the control and distribution of population densities and

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117 building and structure intensities. The proposed distribution,
118 location, and extent of the various categories of land use shall
119 be shown on a land use map or map series which shall be
120 supplemented by goals, policies, and measurable objectives. The
121 future land use plan shall be based upon surveys, studies, and
122 data regarding the area, including the amount of land required to
123 accommodate anticipated growth; the projected population of the
124 area; the character of undeveloped land; the availability of
125 water supplies, public facilities, and services; the need for
126 redevelopment, including the renewal of blighted areas and the
127 elimination of nonconforming uses which are inconsistent with the
128 character of the community; the compatibility of uses on lands
129 adjacent to or closely proximate to military installations; the
130 discouragement of urban sprawl; energy-efficient land use
131 patterns; and, in rural communities, the need for job creation,
132 capital investment, and economic development that will strengthen
133 and diversify the community's economy. The future land use plan
134 may designate areas for future planned development use involving
135 combinations of types of uses for which special regulations may
136 be necessary to ensure development in accord with the principles
137 and standards of the comprehensive plan and this act. The future
138 land use plan element shall include criteria to be used to
139 achieve the compatibility of adjacent or closely proximate lands
140 with military installations. In addition, for rural communities,
141 the amount of land designated for future planned industrial use
142 shall be based upon surveys and studies that reflect the need for
143 job creation, capital investment, and the necessity to strengthen
144 and diversify the local economies, and shall not be limited
145 solely by the projected population of the rural community. The

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146 future land use plan of a county may also designate areas for
147 possible future municipal incorporation. The land use maps or map
148 series shall generally identify and depict historic district
149 boundaries and shall designate historically significant
150 properties meriting protection. For coastal counties, the future
151 land use element must include, without limitation, regulatory
152 incentives and criteria that encourage the preservation of
153 recreational and commercial working waterfronts as defined in s.
154 342.07. The future land use element must clearly identify the
155 land use categories in which public schools are an allowable use.
156 When delineating the land use categories in which public schools
157 are an allowable use, a local government shall include in the
158 categories sufficient land proximate to residential development
159 to meet the projected needs for schools in coordination with
160 public school boards and may establish differing criteria for
161 schools of different type or size. Each local government shall
162 include lands contiguous to existing school sites, to the maximum
163 extent possible, within the land use categories in which public
164 schools are an allowable use. The failure by a local government
165 to comply with these school siting requirements will result in
166 the prohibition of the local government's ability to amend the
167 local comprehensive plan, except for plan amendments described in
168 s. 163.3187(1)(b), until the school siting requirements are met.
169 Amendments proposed by a local government for purposes of
170 identifying the land use categories in which public schools are
171 an allowable use are exempt from the limitation on the frequency
172 of plan amendments contained in s. 163.3187. The future land use
173 element shall include criteria that encourage the location of
174 schools proximate to urban residential areas to the extent

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175 possible and shall require that the local government seek to
176 collocate public facilities, such as parks, libraries, and
177 community centers, with schools to the extent possible and to
178 encourage the use of elementary schools as focal points for
179 neighborhoods. For schools serving predominantly rural counties,
180 defined as a county with a population of 100,000 or fewer, an
181 agricultural land use category shall be eligible for the location
182 of public school facilities if the local comprehensive plan
183 contains school siting criteria and the location is consistent
184 with such criteria. Local governments required to update or amend
185 their comprehensive plan to include criteria and address
186 compatibility of adjacent or closely proximate lands with
187 existing military installations in their future land use plan
188 element shall transmit the update or amendment to the department
189 by June 30, 2006.

190 (b) A traffic circulation element consisting of the types,
191 locations, and extent of existing and proposed major
192 thoroughfares and transportation routes, including bicycle and
193 pedestrian ways. Transportation corridors, as defined in s.
194 334.03, may be designated in the traffic circulation element
195 pursuant to s. 337.273. If the transportation corridors are
196 designated, the local government may adopt a transportation
197 corridor management ordinance. The traffic circulation element
198 shall incorporate transportation strategies to address reduction
199 in greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

200 (j) For each unit of local government within an urbanized
201 area designated for purposes of s. 339.175, a transportation
202 element, which shall be prepared and adopted in lieu of the

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203 requirements of paragraph (b) and paragraphs (7) (a), (b), (c),
204 and (d) and which shall address the following issues:

205 1. Traffic circulation, including major thoroughfares and
206 other routes, including bicycle and pedestrian ways.

207 2. All alternative modes of travel, such as public
208 transportation, pedestrian, and bicycle travel.

209 3. Parking facilities.

210 4. Aviation, rail, seaport facilities, access to those
211 facilities, and intermodal terminals.

212 5. The availability of facilities and services to serve
213 existing land uses and the compatibility between future land use
214 and transportation elements.

215 6. The capability to evacuate the coastal population prior
216 to an impending natural disaster.

217 7. Airports, projected airport and aviation development,
218 and land use compatibility around airports.

219 8. An identification of land use densities, building
220 intensities, and transportation management programs to promote
221 public transportation systems in designated public transportation
222 corridors so as to encourage population densities sufficient to
223 support such systems.

224 9. May include transportation corridors, as defined in s.
225 334.03, intended for future transportation facilities designated
226 pursuant to s. 337.273. If transportation corridors are
227 designated, the local government may adopt a transportation
228 corridor management ordinance.

229 10. The incorporation of transportation strategies to
230 address reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from the
231 transportation sector.

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232 (1) By January 1, 2011, an energy element consisting of
233 existing and future electric power generation and transmission
234 systems. Additionally, the energy element must address efforts to
235 encourage the following:

- 236 1. Energy conservation;
237 2. Energy efficiency;
238 3. Use of renewable energy resources; and
239 4. Greenhouse gas reduction strategies.

240 Section 3. Subsection (13) of section 553.36, Florida
241 Statutes, is amended to read:

242 553.36 Definitions.--The definitions contained in this
243 section govern the construction of this part unless the context
244 otherwise requires.

245 (13) "Manufactured building" means a closed structure,
246 building assembly, or system of subassemblies, which may include
247 structural, electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating, or other
248 service systems manufactured in manufacturing facilities for
249 installation or erection as a finished building or as part of a
250 finished building, which shall include, but not be limited to,
251 residential, commercial, institutional, storage, modular, and
252 factory-built buildings and industrial structures. The term
253 includes buildings not intended for human habitation such as lawn
254 storage buildings and storage sheds manufactured and assembled
255 offsite by a manufacturer certified in conformance with this
256 part. This part does not apply to mobile homes.

257 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
258 553.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

259 553.73 Florida Building Code.--

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260 (6) (a) The commission, by rule adopted pursuant to ss.
261 120.536(1) and 120.54, shall update the Florida Building Code
262 every 3 years. When updating the Florida Building Code, the
263 commission shall select the most current version of the
264 International Building Code, the International Fuel Gas Code, the
265 International Mechanical Code, the International Plumbing Code,
266 the International Energy Conservation Code, and the International
267 Residential Code, all of which are adopted by the International
268 Code Council, and the National Electrical Code, which is adopted
269 by the National Fire Protection Association, to form the
270 foundation codes of the updated Florida Building Code, if the
271 version has been adopted by the applicable model code entity and
272 made available to the public at least 6 months prior to its
273 selection by the commission.

274 Section 5. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 553.74,
275 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

276 553.74 Florida Building Commission.--

277 (1) The Florida Building Commission is created and shall be
278 located within the Department of Community Affairs for
279 administrative purposes. Members shall be appointed by the
280 Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. The commission
281 shall be composed of 23 members, consisting of the following:

282 (a) One architect registered to practice in this state and
283 actively engaged in the profession. The American Institute of
284 Architects, Florida Section, is encouraged to recommend a list of
285 candidates for consideration.

286 (b) One structural engineer registered to practice in this
287 state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida

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288 Engineering Society is encouraged to recommend a list of
289 candidates for consideration.

290 (c) One air-conditioning or mechanical contractor certified
291 to do business in this state and actively engaged in the
292 profession. The Florida Air Conditioning Contractors Association,
293 the Florida Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors
294 Association, and the Mechanical Contractors Association of
295 Florida are encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for
296 consideration.

297 (d) One electrical contractor certified to do business in
298 this state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida
299 Electrical Contractors Association and the National Electrical
300 Contractors Association, Florida Chapter, are encouraged to
301 recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

302 (e) One member from fire protection engineering or
303 technology who is actively engaged in the profession. The Florida
304 Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers and the
305 Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association are encouraged
306 to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

307 (f) One general contractor certified to do business in this
308 state and actively engaged in the profession. The Associated
309 Builders and Contractors of Florida, the Florida Associated
310 General Contractors Council, and the Union Contractors
311 Association are encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for
312 consideration.

313 (g) One plumbing contractor licensed to do business in this
314 state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida
315 Association of Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors is
316 encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

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317 (h) One roofing or sheet metal contractor certified to do
318 business in this state and actively engaged in the profession.
319 The Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors
320 Association and the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors
321 National Association are encouraged to recommend a list of
322 candidates for consideration.

323 (i) One residential contractor licensed to do business in
324 this state and actively engaged in the profession. The Florida
325 Home Builders Association is encouraged to recommend a list of
326 candidates for consideration.

327 (j) Three members who are municipal or district codes
328 enforcement officials, one of whom is also a fire official. The
329 Building Officials Association of Florida and the Florida Fire
330 Marshals and Inspectors Association are encouraged to recommend a
331 list of candidates for consideration.

332 (k) One member who represents the Department of Financial
333 Services.

334 (l) One member who is a county codes enforcement official.
335 The Building Officials Association of Florida is encouraged to
336 recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

337 (m) One member of a Florida-based organization of persons
338 with disabilities or a nationally chartered organization of
339 persons with disabilities with chapters in this state.

340 (n) One member of the manufactured buildings industry who
341 is licensed to do business in this state and is actively engaged
342 in the industry. The Florida Manufactured Housing Association is
343 encouraged to recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

344 (o) One mechanical or electrical engineer registered to
345 practice in this state and actively engaged in the profession.

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346 The Florida Engineering Society is encouraged to recommend a list
347 of candidates for consideration.

348 (p) One member who is a representative of a municipality or
349 a charter county. The Florida League of Cities and Florida
350 Association of Counties are encouraged to recommend a list of
351 candidates for consideration.

352 (q) One member of the building products manufacturing
353 industry who is authorized to do business in this state and is
354 actively engaged in the industry. The Florida Building Material
355 Association, Florida Concrete and Products Association, and
356 Fenestration Manufacturers Association are encouraged to
357 recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

358 (r) One member who is a representative of the building
359 owners and managers industry who is actively engaged in
360 commercial building ownership or management. The Building Owners
361 and Managers Association is encouraged to recommend a list of
362 candidates for consideration.

363 (s) One member who is a representative of the insurance
364 industry. The Florida Insurance Council is encouraged to
365 recommend a list of candidates for consideration.

366 (t) One member who is a representative of public education.

367 (u) One member who is a swimming pool contractor licensed
368 to do business in this state and actively engaged in the
369 profession. The Florida Swimming Pool Association and the United
370 Pool and Spa Association are encouraged to recommend a list of
371 candidates for consideration ~~who shall be the chair.~~

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373 The Governor shall designate one of the 23 members to serve as
374 the chair of the commission who shall serve as the chair at the

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375 pleasure of the Governor. Any person serving on the commission
376 under paragraph (c) or paragraph (h) on October 1, 2003, and who
377 has served less than two full terms is eligible for reappointment
378 to the commission regardless of whether he or she meets the new
379 qualification.

380 (2) All appointments shall be for terms of 4 years, ~~except~~
381 ~~that of the chair who shall serve at the pleasure of the~~
382 ~~Governor.~~ Each person who is a member of the Board of Building
383 Codes and Standards on the effective date of this act shall serve
384 the remainder of their term as a member of the Florida Building
385 Commission. ~~Except for the chair, newly created positions on the~~
386 ~~Florida Building Commission shall be appointed after February 1,~~
387 ~~1999. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the~~
388 ~~unexpired term.~~ Any member who shall, during his or her term,
389 cease to meet the qualifications for original appointment,
390 through ceasing to be a practicing member of the profession
391 indicated or otherwise, shall thereby forfeit membership on the
392 commission.

393 Section 6. Section 553.75, Florida Statutes, is amended to
394 read:

395 553.75 Organization of commission; rules and regulations;
396 meetings; staff; fiscal affairs; public comment.--

397 (1) The commission shall meet on call of the secretary. The
398 commission shall annually elect from its appointive members such
399 officers as it may choose.

400 (2) The commission shall meet at the call of its chair, at
401 the request of a majority of its membership, at the request of
402 the department, or at such times as may be prescribed by its
403 rules. The members shall be notified in writing of the time and

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404 | place of a regular or special meeting at least 7 days in advance
405 | of the meeting. A majority of members of the commission shall
406 | constitute a quorum.

407 | (3) The department shall be responsible for the provision
408 | of administrative and staff support services relating to the
409 | functions of the commission. With respect to matters within the
410 | jurisdiction of the commission, the department shall be
411 | responsible for the implementation and faithful discharge of all
412 | decisions of the commission made pursuant to its authority under
413 | the provisions of this part. The department is specifically
414 | authorized to use communications media technology in conducting
415 | meetings of the commission or any meetings held in conjunction
416 | with meetings of the commission.

417 | (4) Meetings of the commission shall be conducted so as to
418 | encourage participation by interested persons in attendance. At a
419 | minimum, the commission shall provide one opportunity for
420 | interested members of the public in attendance at a meeting to
421 | comment on each proposed action of the commission before a final
422 | vote is taken on any motion.

423 | Section 7. Present subsection (5) of section 553.77,
424 | Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (6), and a new
425 | subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

426 | 553.77 Specific powers of the commission.--

427 | (5) The commission may implement its recommendations
428 | delivered pursuant to subsection (2) of section 48 of chapter
429 | 2007-73, Laws of Florida, by amending the Florida Energy
430 | Efficiency Code for Building Construction as provided in s.
431 | 553.901.

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432 Section 8. Section 553.886, Florida Statutes, is created to
433 read:

434 553.886 Energy-efficiency technologies.--The provisions of
435 the Florida Building Code must facilitate and promote the use of
436 cost-effective energy conservation, energy-demand management, and
437 renewable energy technologies in buildings.

438 Section 9. Section 553.9061, Florida Statutes, is created
439 to read:

440 553.9061 Scheduled increases in thermal efficiency
441 standards.--

442 (1) This section establishes a schedule of required
443 increases in the energy-efficiency performance of buildings that
444 are subject to the requirements for energy efficiency as
445 contained in the current edition of the Florida Building Code.
446 The Florida Building Commission shall implement the following
447 energy-efficiency goals using the triennial code-adoption process
448 established for updates to the Florida Building Code in s.
449 553.73:

450 (a) Include requirements in the 2010 edition of the Florida
451 Building Code to increase the energy-efficiency performance of
452 new buildings by at least 20 percent as compared to the
453 performance achieved as a result of the implementation of the
454 energy-efficiency provisions contained in the 2004 edition of the
455 Florida Building Code, as amended on May 22, 2007;

456 (b) Include requirements in the 2013 edition of the Florida
457 Building Code to increase the energy-efficiency performance of
458 new buildings by at least 30 percent as compared to the
459 performance achieved as a result of the implementation of the
460 energy-efficiency provisions contained in the 2004 edition of the

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461 Florida Building Code, as amended on May 22, 2007;

462 (c) Include requirements in the 2016 edition of the Florida
463 Building Code to increase the energy-efficiency performance of
464 new buildings by at least 40 percent as compared to the
465 performance achieved as a result of the implementation of the
466 energy-efficiency provisions contained in the 2004 edition of the
467 Florida Building Code, as amended on May 22, 2007; and

468 (d) Include requirements in the 2019 edition of the Florida
469 Building Code to increase the energy-efficiency performance of
470 new buildings by at least 50 percent as compared to the
471 performance achieved as a result of the implementation of the
472 energy-efficiency provisions contained in the 2004 edition of the
473 Florida Building Code, as amended on May 22, 2007.

474 (2) The commission shall identify in any code-support and
475 compliance documentation the specific building options and
476 elements available to meet the energy-efficiency performance
477 requirements required under subsection (1). Energy-efficiency
478 performance options and elements include, but are not limited to:

479 (a) Solar water heating;

480 (b) Energy-efficient appliances;

481 (c) Energy-efficient windows, doors, and skylights;

482 (d) Low solar-absorption roofs, also known as "cool roofs";

483 (e) Enhanced ceiling and wall insulation;

484 (f) Reduced-leak duct systems;

485 (g) Programmable thermostats; and

486 (h) Energy-efficient lighting systems.

487 (3) The Florida Energy Commission shall review the energy-
488 efficiency goals established in subsection (1) at least once

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489 every 3 years, and such review must be completed before the
490 triennial code-adoption process established in s. 553.73.

491 Section 10. (1) The Florida Building Commission shall
492 conduct a study to evaluate the energy-efficiency rating of new
493 buildings and appliances. The study must include a review of the
494 current energy-efficiency ratings and consumer labeling
495 requirements contained in chapter 553, Florida Statutes. The
496 commission shall submit a written report of its study to the
497 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
498 Representatives on or before February 1, 2009. The report must
499 contain the commission's recommendations regarding the
500 strengthening and integration of energy-efficiency ratings and
501 labeling requirements.

502 (2) The provisions of this section expire July 1, 2009.

503 Section 11. (1) The Florida Building Commission shall
504 conduct a study to evaluate opportunities to restructure the
505 Florida Energy Efficiency Code for Building Construction to
506 achieve long-range improvements to building energy performance.
507 During such study, the commission shall address the integration
508 of the Thermal Efficiency Code established in part V of chapter
509 553, Florida Statutes, the Energy Conservation Standards Act
510 established in part VI of chapter 553, Florida Statutes, and the
511 Florida Building Energy-Efficiency Rating Act established in part
512 VIII of chapter 553, Florida Statutes.

513 (2) The commission shall submit a report containing
514 specific recommendations on the integration of the code and acts
515 identified in subsection (1) to the President of the Senate and
516 the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before February
517 1, 2009.

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518 (3) The provisions of this section expire July 1, 2009.
519 Section 12. (1) The Department of Community Affairs, in
520 conjunction with the Florida Energy Affordability Coalition,
521 shall identify and review issues relating to the Low-Income Home
522 Energy Assistance Program and the Weatherization Assistance
523 Program, and identify recommendations that:
524 (a) Support customer health, safety, and well-being;
525 (b) Maximize available financial and energy-conservation
526 assistance;
527 (c) Improve the quality of service to customers seeking
528 assistance; and
529 (d) Educate customers to make informed decisions regarding
530 energy use and conservation.
531 (2) On or before January 1, 2009, the department shall
532 report its findings and any recommended statutory changes
533 required to implement such findings to the President of the
534 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
535 (3) The provisions of this section expire July 1, 2009.
536 Section 13. Section 553.731, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
537 Section 14. Subsection (6) is added to section 718.113,
538 Florida Statutes, to read:
539 718.113 Maintenance; limitation upon improvement; display
540 of flag; hurricane shutters.--
541 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or the
542 governing documents of a condominium or a multicondominium
543 association, the board of administration may, without any
544 requirement for approval of the unit owners, install upon or
545 within the common elements or association property solar

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546 collectors, clotheslines, or other energy-efficient devices based
547 on renewable resources for the benefit of the unit owners.

548 Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.