

CHAPTER 2010-99

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 846

An act relating to residential fire sprinkler requirements; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; prohibiting incorporation into the Florida Building Code certain mandatory residential fire sprinkler provisions of the International Residential Code; providing an exception; amending s. 633.025, F.S.; prohibiting the requirement of property owners to install fire sprinklers in residential properties based on the use of that property as a rental property or any change in or reclassification of the property's primary use to a rental property; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (14) is added to section 553.73, Florida Statutes, to read:

553.73 Florida Building Code.—

(14) The provisions of section R313 of the most current version of the International Residential Code relating to mandated fire sprinklers may not be incorporated into the Florida Building Code as adopted by the Florida Building Commission and may not be adopted as a local amendment to the Florida Building Code. This subsection does not apply to a local government that has a lawfully adopted ordinance relating to fire sprinklers which has been in effect since January 1, 2010.

Section 2. Subsection (11) is added to section 633.025, Florida Statutes, to read:

633.025 Minimum firesafety standards.—

(11) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (9), a property owner shall not be required to install fire sprinklers in any residential property based on the use of such property as a rental property or any change in or reclassification of the property's primary use to a rental property.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2010.

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