

CHAPTER 2013-134

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1122

An act relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code; amending s. 633.0215, F.S.; requiring fire officials to enforce Florida Building Code provisions for occupancy separation for certain structures with certain occupancies; exempting certain farming and ranching structures from the code; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (16) is added to section 633.0215, Florida Statutes, to read:

633.0215 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

(16)(a) For one-story or two-story structures that are less than 10,000 square feet, whose occupancy is defined in the Florida Building Code and the Florida Fire Prevention Code as business or mercantile, a fire official shall enforce the wall fire-rating provisions for occupancy separation as defined in the Florida Building Code.

(b) A structure, located on property that is classified for ad valorem purposes as agricultural, which is part of a farming or ranching operation, in which the occupancy is limited by the property owner to no more than 35 persons, and which is not used by the public for direct sales or as an educational outreach facility, is exempt from the Florida Fire Prevention Code, including the national codes and Life Safety Code incorporated by reference. This paragraph does not include structures used for residential or assembly occupancies, as defined in the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor June 7, 2013.

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