

## CHAPTER 2018-152

### Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 529

An act relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code; amending s. 633.202, F.S.; requiring that doorstep refuse and recycling collection containers be allowed in exit access corridors of certain apartment occupancies under certain circumstances; authorizing authorities having jurisdiction to approve certain alternative containers and storage arrangements; requiring such authorities to allow apartment occupancies a phase-in period until a specified date to comply; providing for future repeal; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (20) is added to section 633.202, Florida Statutes, to read:

633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

(20)(a) In apartment occupancies with enclosed corridors served by interior or exterior exit stairs, doorstep refuse and recycling collection containers, which stand upright on their own and do not leak liquids when standing upright, must be allowed in exit access corridors when all of the following conditions exist:

1. The maximum doorstep refuse and recycling collection container size does not exceed 13 gallons.

2. Waste, which is in a doorstep refuse and recycling collection container, is not placed in the exit access corridors for single periods exceeding 5 hours.

3. Doorstep refuse and recycling collection containers do not occupy the exit access corridors for single periods exceeding 12 hours.

4. Doorstep refuse and recycling collection containers do not reduce the means of egress width below that required under NFPA Life Safety Code 101:31, as adopted under the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

5. Management staff have written policies and procedures in place and enforce them to ensure compliance with this paragraph, and, upon request, provide a copy of such policies and procedures to the authority having jurisdiction.

(b) In apartment occupancies with open-air corridors or balconies served by exterior exit stairs, doorstep refuse and recycling collection containers, which stand upright on their own and do not leak liquids when standing upright, must be allowed in exit access corridors when all of the following conditions exist:

1. The maximum doorstep refuse and recycling collection container size does not exceed 27 gallons.

2. Waste, which is in a doorstep refuse and recycling collection container, is not placed in the exit access corridors for single periods exceeding 5 hours.

3. Doorstep refuse and recycling collection containers do not reduce the means of egress width below that required under NFPA Life Safety Code 101:31, as adopted under the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

4. Management staff have written policies and procedures in place and enforce them to ensure compliance with this paragraph, and, upon request, provide a copy of such policies and procedures to the authority having jurisdiction.

(c) The authority having jurisdiction may approve alternative containers and storage arrangements that are demonstrated to provide an equivalent level of safety to that provided under paragraphs (a) and (b).

(d) The authority having jurisdiction shall allow apartment occupancies a phase-in period until December 31, 2020, to comply with this subsection.

(e) This subsection is repealed on July 1, 2021.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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