

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Florida Fire Prevention Code;  
 3           providing that authorities in rural areas or small  
 4           communities may decrease fire flow requirements;  
 5           providing that fire officials shall enforce Florida  
 6           Building Code provisions for occupancy separation for  
 7           certain occupancies; exempting certain farming and  
 8           ranching structures from the code; providing an  
 9           effective date.

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

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

15           633.0215 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

16           (16) (a) Fire flow requirements may be decreased by the  
 17           authority that has jurisdiction for isolated buildings or a  
 18           group of buildings in rural areas or small communities, as  
 19           defined in the Florida Fire Prevention Code, if that authority  
 20           determines that the development of full fire flow requirements  
 21           is impractical.

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

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28        (c) A farming or ranching structure, as part of an  
29 operation that employs fewer than 25 full-time equivalent  
30 workers, calculated as cumulative hours worked divided by 40  
31 hours, which is not used by the public for direct sales or as an  
32 educational outreach facility, is exempt from the Florida Fire  
33 Prevention Code, including the national codes and Life Safety  
34 Code incorporated by reference. This paragraph does not include  
35 structures used for residential or assembly occupancies, as  
36 defined in the Florida Fire Prevention Code.

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