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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to building construction and inspection;
3 amending s. 255.252, F.S.; conforming provisions to
4 changes made by the act; amending s. 255.253, F.S.;
5 redefining the term "sustainable building rating" to
6 include the International Green Construction Code;
7 amending ss. 255.257 and 255.2575, F.S.; conforming
8 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 553.74,
9 F.S.; revising requirements for selecting a member of the
10 Florida Building Commission; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 255.252,
15 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

16 255.252 Findings and intent.—

17 (3) In order for ~~that such~~ energy-efficiency and
18 sustainable materials considerations to become a function of
19 building design and a model for future application in the
20 private sector, it is ~~shall be~~ the policy of the state that
21 buildings constructed and financed by the state be designed and
22 constructed to comply with a sustainable building rating ~~the~~
23 ~~United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in~~
24 ~~Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the Green~~
25 ~~Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the Florida~~
26 ~~Green Building Coalition standards, or a nationally recognized,~~
27 ~~high-performance green building rating system as approved by the~~
28 ~~department.~~ It is further the policy of the state, if ~~when~~

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29 economically feasible, to retrofit existing state-owned
30 buildings in a manner that minimizes ~~which will minimize~~ the
31 consumption of energy used in the operation and maintenance of
32 such buildings.

33 (4) In addition to designing and constructing new
34 buildings to be energy-efficient, it is ~~shall be~~ the policy of
35 the state to operate and maintain state facilities in a manner
36 that minimizes ~~which will minimize~~ energy consumption and
37 maximizes ~~maximize~~ building sustainability, and to operate as
38 ~~well as ensure that~~ facilities leased by the state ~~are operated~~
39 so as to minimize energy use. It is further the policy of the
40 state that the renovation of existing state facilities be in
41 accordance with a sustainable building rating ~~the United States~~
42 ~~Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and~~
43 ~~Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the Green Building~~
44 ~~Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the Florida Green~~
45 ~~Building Coalition standards, or a nationally recognized, high-~~
46 ~~performance green building rating system as approved by the~~
47 ~~department.~~ State agencies are encouraged to consider shared
48 savings financing of ~~such~~ energy-efficiency and conservation
49 projects, using contracts that ~~which~~ split the resulting savings
50 for a specified period of time between the state agency and the
51 private firm or cogeneration contracts and that ~~which~~ otherwise
52 permit the state to lower its net energy costs. Such energy
53 contracts may be funded from the operating budget.

54 Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 255.253, Florida
55 Statutes, is amended to read:

56 255.253 Definitions; ss. 255.251-255.258.—

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(7) "Sustainable building rating" means a rating established by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the International Green Construction Code (IGCC), the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the Florida Green Building Coalition standards, or a nationally recognized, high-performance green building rating system as approved by the department.

Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 255.257, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

255.257 Energy management; buildings occupied by state agencies.—

(4) ADOPTION OF STANDARDS.—

(a) All state agencies shall adopt a sustainable building rating system ~~the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the Florida Green Building Coalition standards, or a nationally recognized, high-performance green building rating system as approved by the department~~ for all new buildings and renovations to existing buildings.

(b) No state agency shall enter into new leasing agreements for office space that does not meet Energy Star building standards, except when ~~determined by~~ the appropriate state agency head determines that no other viable or cost-effective alternative exists.

(c) All state agencies shall develop energy conservation measures and guidelines for new and existing office space where

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85 state agencies occupy more than 5,000 square feet. These
86 conservation measures shall focus on programs that may reduce
87 energy consumption and, when established, provide a net
88 reduction in occupancy costs.

89 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 255.2575, Florida
90 Statutes, is amended to read:

91 255.2575 Energy-efficient and sustainable buildings.—

92 (2) All county, municipal, school district, water
93 management district, state university, community college, and
94 ~~Florida~~ state court buildings shall be constructed to comply
95 with a sustainable building rating system ~~meet the United States~~
96 ~~Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and~~
97 ~~Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the Green Building~~
98 ~~Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the Florida Green~~
99 ~~Building Coalition standards, or a nationally recognized, high-~~
100 ~~performance green building rating system as approved by the~~
101 ~~Department of Management Services.~~ This section applies ~~shall~~
102 ~~apply~~ to all county, municipal, school district, water
103 management district, state university, community college, and
104 ~~Florida~~ state court buildings the architectural plans of which
105 are commenced after July 1, 2008.

106 Section 5. Paragraph (v) of subsection (1) of section
107 553.74, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

108 553.74 Florida Building Commission.—

109 (1) The Florida Building Commission is created and shall
110 be located within the Department of Community Affairs for
111 administrative purposes. Members shall be appointed by the
112 Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. The commission

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shall be composed of 25 members, consisting of the following:

(v) One member who is a representative of the green building industry and who is a third-party commission agent, a Florida board member of the United States Green Building Council or Green Building Initiative, a professional who is accredited under the International Green Construction Code (IGCC), or a professional who is accredited under Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) ~~LEED-accredited professional~~.

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

Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.