



2025 Bills (49) Summarized with AI

Number	Title	Sponsor	Last Action	Date Folded
HB 0117	Consumer Protection	Temple	01/15/25	01/13/25 12:42PM
(S: 854)	<p>Establishes regulations for unlicensed vendors providing home repair services and alters criminal penalties for violations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defines "unlicensed vendor" as any person offering services related to residential properties without a contractor's license.• Requires unlicensed vendors who receive initial payments to apply for necessary permits within 14 days (or as agreed), start work within the same timeframe after permits are issued, and continue work without unauthorized interruptions, or provide a refund.• Imposes burden of proof on unlicensed vendors to demonstrate just cause for not starting, continuing, or refunding payments when failing to meet the specified requirements.• Establishes criminal liabilities, differentiating penalties based on the amount received from misdemeanors for sums below \$1,000 to felonies for larger amounts, up to first-degree for \$200,000 or more.• Modifies the existing statute to specify that telephone solicitations and sales conducted via sample, catalog, or brochure for future delivery do not require permits; ensures minors conducting home solicitation sales carry proper identification. <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> <p>01/07/25 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>01/15/25 HOUSE Referred to Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Commerce Committee</p> <p>01/15/25 HOUSE Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee</p>			
SB 0330	Residential Utility Disconnections	Berman	02/03/25	01/27/25 09:54AM
(I: 419)	Summarizes provisions concerning the disconnection of residential utilities for nonpayment under specific conditions, including extreme weather and financial hardship, and mandates multiple consumer protections.			

- Prohibits utility disconnections when forecasted heat indices reach 90 degrees Fahrenheit, temperatures drop to 32 degrees or below, or during a state of emergency.
- Requires waiving of reconnection and late fees under certain temperature conditions.
- Informs utility disconnections referencing the weather forecasts provided by the National Weather Service.
- Forbids disconnecting services on weekends, state holidays, and days preceding holidays.
- Prevents utilities from passing compliance costs to customers.
- Mandates that utilities provide disconnection policies at the start of service, before scheduled disconnections, and on their websites.
- Obligates utilities to inform customers of disconnection suspensions via public alerts in multiple languages, based on the primary languages spoken within the service area.
- Mandates delivery of nonpayment notices through multiple communication methods and requires utilities to offer payment assistance information.
- Disallows service disconnections for accounts less than 60 days overdue.
- Permits voluntary suspension of disconnections by utilities under broader terms for weather emergencies and stipulates penalties for non-compliance.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

01/27/25 SENATE Filed

02/03/25 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy

SB 0354	Florida Public Service Commission	Gaetz	03/14/25	01/27/25 09:50AM
(C: 1319)	<p>Expands and modifies the Florida Public Service Commission's regulations and reporting requirements concerning public utilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases the membership of the Public Service Commission from five to seven members, specifying that one must be a certified public accountant and another a chartered financial analyst. • Requires all commission orders to contain adequate support for conclusions, specifying the reasons for accepting or denying settlement agreements. • Mandates that the commission keeps the allowable return on equity for public utilities close to the risk-free rate, requiring specific justifications for any deviations. 			

- Directs the commission to establish a schedule for public utilities to submit rate change requests.
- Obligates the commission to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature with detailed analyses and comparisons of utility rates, including executive compensation in utilities.
- Revises factors to be considered in the review of storm protection plans, ensuring that any improvements have forecasted customer benefits exceeding costs.
- Defines specific criteria for qualifying nonprofit organizations and establishes a process for determining compliance, giving the commission authority to regulate entities that do not meet the criteria.
- Adjusts statutes concerning exemptions and reporting for various infrastructures and utilities, ensuring consistency with these new regulatory frameworks.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

01/27/25 SENATE Filed

02/03/25 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy

03/07/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Regulated Industries, 03/12/25, 8:30 am, 412 K

03/12/25 SENATE Favorable with CS by Regulated Industries; 5 Yeas, 2 Nays

03/14/25 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/14/25 SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

HB 0357	Property Tax Exemptions	Chamberlin	02/12/25	02/05/25 01:28PM
(L: 359) (C: 1016)	<p>Proposes a constitutional amendment to create tax exemptions for real property and to set an implementation schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempts all property owned by a municipality used exclusively for municipal or public purposes. • Allows exemptions for property used for educational, literary, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes by general law. • Permits community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions for new businesses and expansions by local ordinance, requiring voter approval. • Authorizes, through local ordinances, historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions for eligible properties, with specifics determined by general law. 			

- Implements a \$25,000 exemption on property assessed for tangible personal property tax.
- Provides tax exemptions for assessed values of solar and renewable energy devices.
- Grants ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated perpetually for conservation.
- Offers an additional tax exemption for U.S. military personnel based on the length of deployment outside the continental U.S., Alaska, or Hawaii.
- Introduces a new \$100,000 exemption from assessed value of real property for all levies.
- Specifies that the real property exemption outlined takes effect on January 1, 2027.

Effective Date: Not Specified

02/03/25 HOUSE Filed

02/12/25 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/14/25, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

02/12/25 HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

02/12/25 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

HB 0359	Property Tax Exemptions	Chamberlin	02/12/25	02/05/25 01:28PM
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Creates a property tax exemption for real property, exempting the first \$100,000 of value from all taxation.

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| (L: 357) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifies the tax exemption according to Section 3(h), Article VII of the State Constitution. • Conditions the enactment of this exemption upon the approval of a constitutional amendment, either by general election or a specially authorized earlier special election, as proposed by HJR 357 or a similar resolution. |
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Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 357 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specified intent and purpose

02/03/25 HOUSE Filed

02/12/25 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/14/25, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

02/12/25 HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

02/12/25 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee

SB 0368

Community Associations

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Establishes the Condominium and Homeowners' Association Economic Crime, Fraud, and Corruption Investigation Pilot Program within the Department of Legal Affairs to investigate related crimes in Florida.

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- Defines "corruption" as the misuse of position by an official for personal gain.
- Authorizes the Department to contract with a private entity staffed by retired law enforcement experts in financial fraud.
- Allows for complaint submission to the Office of the Condominium and Homeowners' Ombudsman, requiring the ombudsman to forward certain complaints for review and possible investigation under the pilot program.
- Grants the Department powers to issue subpoenas, conduct audits, and refer cases for criminal prosecution.
- Specifies funding from the General Appropriations Act and location of the primary office in Miami-Dade County.
- Sets a repeal date for the section on October 2, 2030, unless reenacted by the Legislature.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

01/27/25 SENATE Filed

02/03/25 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy

HB 0419	Residential Utility Disconnections	Tendrich	02/12/25	02/05/25 05:45PM
(I: 330)	The proposed bill imposes restrictions on utilities concerning the disconnection of residential utility services for nonpayment under specific conditions.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prohibits utilities from disconnecting residential service if there is an extreme heat index above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit within 48 hours of disconnection, or an existing state of emergency.• Mandates utilities to waive reconnection and late fees on days of extreme weather conditions.• Requires the use of the National Weather Service data for determining whether conditions prevent disconnection.			

- Prevents disconnections on weekends, state holidays, and the days preceding state holidays.
- Forbids utilities from passing compliance costs to customers.
- Enforces strict notification guidelines to customers regarding pending disconnections and disconnection policies in English and Spanish, or other languages as relevant.
- Sets a minimum past due period of 60 days before disconnection can occur.
- Empowers utilities to voluntarily suspend disconnections for health, safety, or service reliability concerns.
- Establishes penalties for noncompliance, including compensation for affected customers and possibility for injunctive relief.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/05/25 HOUSE Filed

02/12/25 HOUSE Referred to Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

02/12/25 HOUSE Now in Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

SB 0504	Department of Transportation Construction Projects	Gruters	02/20/25	03/07/25 12:19PM
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Amends guidelines for allocation of contracted amounts by the Department of Transportation (DOT) towards the purchase of plant materials for construction projects.

- Updates the required percentage of contracted construction costs allocated for plant material purchase, setting variable rates based on project size: 1.5% for up to \$50 million, 1% up to \$100 million, 0.75% up to \$250 million, 0.5% up to \$500 million, and 0.1% for projects over \$500 million.
- Prohibits district expenditures on landscaping for projects limited to resurfacing unless approved by the Secretary of the DOT or designee.
- Specifies at least 50% of landscaping funds should be used for large plant materials; requires all plant materials to be purchased from Florida commercial nurseries via competitive bidding, with the DOT responsible for developing landscaping material standards.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/05/25 SENATE Filed

02/20/25 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Fiscal Policy

Amends definitions and establishes procedures to enforce Florida's transition to renewable energy and reduce carbon emissions.

- Amends the definitions of "biomass" and "renewable energy" to exclude certain materials and energy sources.
- Prohibits the drilling, exploration, and production of oil, gas, and other petroleum products in state lands and waters.
- Establishes a ban on permitting and constructing structures intended for oil and gas operations in specified areas.
- Sets a goal for generating all electricity from renewable sources by 2050 and achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2051.
- Directs the Office of Energy to develop a unified statewide plan, aiming for specific interim goals and emissions reductions from various energy sectors.
- Creates the Renewable Energy Workforce Development Advisory Committee to propose workforce strategies and training for the renewable energy sector.
- Requires the Office of Energy to submit a plan and updates on reaching renewable energy goals to the Governor and Legislature.

(S: 1496
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Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/13/25 HOUSE Filed

02/26/25 HOUSE Referred to Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

02/26/25 HOUSE Now in Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

(S: 700) Establishes regulations and requirements for agricultural and consumer services.

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- Exempts certain positions in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from the Career Service system.
- Requires electric utilities to submit a 10-year site plan for proposed power plants on lands previously classified as agricultural to the respective county commission.
- Revises the classification requirements for lands to be considered agricultural, specifically including lands used or leased by electric utilities for solar energy systems if they also include bona fide agricultural uses.

- Defines and exempts specific agricultural activities and terms such as "commercial property" and "private property" in regards to unmanned aircraft systems, and provides penalties for violations on agricultural lands.
- Introduces regulations for electric vehicle charging stations, including definitions, permitting requirements, penalties, and enforcement procedures.
- Amends and aligns various statutes and regulations to conform with the changes made by the act, particularly concerning the management and operations relating to mosquito control, enhancements to agricultural and silviculture recovery programs, and reporting requirements.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/14/25 HOUSE Filed

02/26/25 HOUSE Referred to Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

02/26/25 HOUSE Now in Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

03/05/25 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/07/25, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

03/14/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee, 03/18/25, 3:00 pm, 17 H

HB 0681	Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Program Funding	Melo	02/26/25	02/18/25 12:33PM
(I: 1458)	<p>Creates a funding formula for registered apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs, aiming to simplify distribution, enhance access, and promote growth to meet workforce demands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines terms like "registered apprenticeship program", "registered preapprentice", "on-the-job training", and "related technical instruction". • Stipulates funding allocations based on student enrollment, with different weighting for hours of on-the-job training and related technical instruction. • Includes annual adjustments to funding rates based on economic indicators to maintain program sustainability. • Offers additional funding for programs in high-demand occupations, with performance-based adjustments. • Allows programs to choose funding distribution methods, either partnering with local educational agencies or receiving direct funding from the department, with specific requirements for each method. • Details responsibilities of programs such as establishing enrollment limits, expanding into nontraditional sectors, and submitting annual reports. 			

- Outlines the Department of Education's responsibilities, including creating standard contracts and supporting programs in emerging fields.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/18/25 HOUSE Filed

02/26/25 HOUSE Referred to Careers & Workforce Subcommittee; Higher Education Budget Subcommittee; Education & Employment Committee

02/26/25 HOUSE Now in Careers & Workforce Subcommittee

HB 0695	Private Provider Building Inspection Services	Gentry	02/26/25	03/15/25 02:23PM
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Streamlines and amends regulations related to private provider building inspection services in Florida, alongside mandating more representation from private providers in regulatory bodies.

- Requires the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board to include members who are private providers or employed by private provider firms.
- Mandates the Florida Building Commission to include members who are private providers and specifies the inclusion of licensed contractors that use private providers for inspections or plan reviews.
- Revises terms related to building inspection services, shifting from requirement of a written contract to an "agreement" for services between private providers and fee owners or contractors.
- Caps reduced permit fees to not exceed costs incurred by local jurisdictions and eliminates additional charges by local governments if a private provider is hired.
- Prohibits local building officials from reviewing plans or documents approved by private providers, limiting them to check only for completeness.
- Prevents local jurisdictions from charging reinspection fees and prohibits local building officials from visiting job sites without approval from the private provider involved.
- Grants regulatory and supervisory authority to private providers, similar to a local building official, for their inspection services.
- Obligates private providers to update permit statuses on the Private Provider Association of Florida website, where details must be publicly available.
- Standardizes the permitting process, explicitly prohibiting local governments from implementing custom procedures or standards, and mandates periodic reviews of the process for consistency.

(S: 1474
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Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/18/25 HOUSE Filed

02/26/25 HOUSE Referred to Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee;
Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

02/26/25 HOUSE Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

SB 0700	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Truenow	03/13/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
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Amends specific statutes related to agricultural land, housing for agricultural workers, and expands the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' authority over various agricultural and consumer issues.

- Exempts certain positions at the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from the Career Service System.
- Defines terms relevant to the construction and regulation of housing for legally verified agricultural workers, imposing specific criteria to be met for housing construction and installation on agricultural lands.
- Requires that local ordinances comply with state-imposed regulations concerning agricultural worker housing and allows less restrictive local regulations if compliant with state health standards.
- Specifies conditions under which agricultural housing sites must discontinue use and details penalties for violations.
- Grants the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services authority in relation to electric vehicle charging stations, agricultural and veterinary activities, and surplused lands profitable for agricultural production.
- Expands definitions and provisions related to pesticides, mosquito control, and charitable organizations.
- Establishes new regulations and penalties concerning retail fuel theft, agricultural finance discrimination, mail theft, and labeling of plant-based products.
- Provides a range of other miscellaneous regulation adjustments and clarifications, including those pertaining to education, enforcement, and exclusion criteria for various services and activities.

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Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/13/25 SENATE Filed

02/25/25 SENATE Referred to Agriculture; Appropriations Committee on
Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy

03/06/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Agriculture, 03/11/25, 4:00 pm, 301 S

03/11/25 SENATE Favorable with CS by Agriculture; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/13/25 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/13/25 SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment,
and General Government

HB 0703	Utility Relocation	Robinson (W) Jr.	03/13/25	02/19/25 01:26PM
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Revises Florida's utility relocation requirements to expedite public works and clarifies when an authority must cover relocation costs.

- (I: 818)
- Requires utility owners to furnish a relocation schedule within 30 days of notice and initiate necessary relocation work within 60 days.
 - Mandates utility owners to bear the relocation costs except under specific circumstances outlined from paragraphs (a) to (k).
 - Specifies that service providers for broadband, cable, or video services perform required relocation work upon notice, with all expenses covered by the responsible authority.
 - Highlights instances where authorities, under agreements, absorb utility relocation costs due to service needs or public safety enhancements.
 - Alters an existing cross-reference in s. 125.42 to reflect these updates in s. 337.403.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/18/25 HOUSE Filed

02/26/25 HOUSE Referred to Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; Commerce
Committee

02/26/25 HOUSE Now in Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

03/10/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee,
03/12/25, 10:15 am, 102 H

03/12/25 HOUSE Favorable by Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; 18 Yeas, 0
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03/13/25 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

HB 0707	Building Regulation	Franklin II	02/26/25	02/26/25 04:21PM
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Revises Florida statutes regarding building regulation, specifically in education, inspection, and permitting processes.

- Revises prerequisites for exemptions from continual education needs in building-related professions, explicitly excluding certain administrators and inspectors from exemptions.
- Defines building code roles, including "building code administrator" and "building official," expanding their inspection duties under certain population sizes or educational institutions.
- Mandates the development of internship programs and provisional certificate applications for building code inspectors and plans examiners, covering voluntary categories and necessary exams.
- Specifies requirements for residential inspector and plans examiner internship training, detailing necessary prior certifications and training durations.
- Exempts property owners, excluding corporate entities, from certain requirements, allowing them to directly supervise projects, apply personally or virtually for building permits, and sign necessary disclosure statements.
- Defines "change of contractor" and procedures for updating the qualifying agent linked to active permits.
- Revises requirements related to the notice of commencement, clarifying what must be included and the circumstances under which it needs to be submitted for projects exceeding \$7,500.
- Requires owner signature on permit applications for specified direct contracts, altering rules on preliminary site work permits, and providing an updated, standardized building permit application format.

(S: 1298)
(C: 740 1441)

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/19/25 HOUSE Filed

02/26/25 HOUSE Referred to Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; State Administration Budget Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

02/26/25 HOUSE Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

HB 0715 Roofing Services

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03/17/25

03/07/25
11:44AM

(S: 1076)

Revises definitions and regulations within Florida's construction and roofing sectors.

- Amends s. 489.105, F.S., to redefine "roofing contractor," expanding their scope of work to include certain rooftop structural enhancements and clarifying that they can undertake work related to skylights, roof-deck attachments, and wood roof components.

- Reenacts multiple statutes to incorporate changes from the amended definition of "roofing contractor," covering areas such as qualifications, registrations, contractor scopes, and local governance.
- Amends s. 489.147, F.S., specifying conditions under which a residential property owner can cancel a roofing contract without penalty. The revision stipulates this can occur within 10 days of contract execution if signed within 180 days following a state emergency declaration relevant to the property's location.
- Mandates the inclusion of specific language in roofing contracts signed during state emergencies, detailing the homeowner's rights to contract cancellation, to be displayed prominently before the signature line.

Effective Date: upon becoming a law

02/19/25 HOUSE Filed

02/26/25 HOUSE Referred to Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

02/26/25 HOUSE Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

03/10/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee, 03/12/25, 1:00 pm, 212 K

03/13/25 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee on 03/12/25; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/14/25 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/17/25 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

SB 0740	Continuing Education Requirements	Harrell	02/25/25	02/26/25 04:21PM
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Amends Florida Statute 455.2124 to revise the applicability of continuing education requirements for licensure renewal.

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- Exempts building code administrators and inspectors from certain continuing education requirements for licensure renewal.
- Maintains the existing exemptions for other professional groups, such as engineers, certified public accountants, real estate brokers and sales associates, appraisers, and architects.

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

02/13/25 SENATE Filed

SB 0800	Requirements for Battery Manufacturers	McClain	03/11/25	02/18/25 11:25AM
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The bill amends regulations on battery manufacturing and sales, specifically targeting types of portable and rechargeable batteries.

- Redefines sections in Florida Statutes to include detailed definitions for lithium batteries, medium-format batteries, portable batteries, and primary batteries.
- Prohibits cell manufacturers or marketers from selling products powered by lithium, medium-format, portable, or primary batteries unless specific conditions are met.
- Stipulates that batteries in consumer products must be easily removable or contained in a separate, easily removable battery pack.
- Requires batteries in nonconsumer products to be removable or housed in a removable battery pack.
- Mandates that products or their batteries must be labeled with a recycling symbol, indicate chemical composition (e.g., "Cd" for nickel-cadmium), and provide disposal instructions in manuals or on product packaging.

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Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/18/25 SENATE Filed

02/28/25 SENATE Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Commerce and Tourism; Rules

03/06/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environment and Natural Resources, 03/11/25, 4:00 pm, 110 S

03/11/25 SENATE Favorable by Environment and Natural Resources; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/11/25 SENATE Now in Commerce and Tourism

SB 0818	Utility Relocation	McClain	02/28/25	02/19/25 01:27PM
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(I: 703) Enhances regulations on utility relocation to improve public road and rail corridor construction or maintenance projects.

- Requires utility owners to submit a utility relocation schedule within 30 days and start necessary relocation work within 60 days of notification by an authority.
- Specifies the utility owner's obligation to bear the expense of interference alleviation except in certain federal, state, and local scenarios defined in the

revisions.

- Outlines conditions under which different authorities (state, county, municipal) or the utility owner must pay for relocation expenses, including new provisions for broadband, cable, or video service providers.
- Ensures that when relocation is federally funded for rail projects, the state pays the proportionate costs.
- Amends an existing statute to conform cross-references to the updated provisions on who bears relocation costs.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/18/25 SENATE Filed

02/28/25 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Transportation; Rules

SB 0854	Consumer Protection	Ingoglia	02/28/25	02/19/25 10:24AM
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Enhances consumer protections by setting requirements for unlicensed vendors providing home repair services.

- Defines "unlicensed vendor" as someone providing residential repair services without contractor certification.
 - Mandates unlicensed vendors to apply for necessary permits within 30 days of receiving payment or initiate work if no permit is needed.
 - Requires homeowners to send a written demand via certified mail if the vendor does not meet required actions, establishing a presumption against the vendor's just cause.
- (S: 117)
- Compels unlicensed vendors who receive excessive payment to perform the agreed work; failure prompts a written demand for work completion or refund.
 - Outlines prima facie evidence criteria for proving a vendor received excessive payment without performing corresponding work.
 - Stipulates criminal penalties for non-compliance based on the amount received, ranging from misdemeanors to felonies.
 - Amends the exemption in home solicitation sale permits, clarifying that a business card does not qualify as a sample, catalog, or brochure essential for future delivery sales.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/18/25 SENATE Filed

02/28/25 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Criminal Justice; Fiscal Policy

HB 0943	Real Property and Land Use and Development	Lopez (V)	03/02/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
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Mandates approval of affordable housing developments on religious-owned land if certain criteria are met, including a 40% allocation for affordable housing with a 30-year affordability period, location stipulations regarding military installations and commercial airports, and compliance with state and local laws excluding land use or zoning regulations.

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- Defines terms such as "allowable use" and differentiates between "commercial" and "industrial" uses.
- Specifies conditions under which multifamily and mixed-use residential developments are permitted without zoning or land use changes, particularly if 40% of units are affordable for 30 years.
- Limits the ability of local bodies to restrict residential project specifications such as density, lot size, floor area ratio, and height to encourage the development of affordable housing.
- Requires administrative approval processes for certain development projects, aiming to bypass extended public hearings.
- Institutionalizes mechanisms to prevent delays caused by zoning or building moratoriums.
- Establishes expedited legal proceedings and limits on parking requirements in certain scenarios to facilitate the development process.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/24/25 HOUSE Filed

03/02/25 HOUSE Referred to Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

03/02/25 HOUSE Now in Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

HB 0983	Homeowners' Associations	Porras	03/02/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
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A bill amends multiple sections of Florida statutes concerning homeowners' associations (HOAs), modifying election and recall procedures, defining association responsibilities, and setting forth new regulations for board member qualifications and financial transparency.

- Revises HOA term definitions, removing outdated terms and refining the scope to enhance property rights and transparency.
- Outlines new protocols for the election of directors, prohibiting proxy usage and defining ballot distribution and candidate declaration timetables.

- Prohibits suspension of a member's voting rights during board member recalls and revises the recall process, including immediate effectuation of recalls when valid.
- Specifies conditions under which board members may be recalled, including new provisions for challenging and reinstating recalled members and recovering legal costs.
- Introduces changes to financial reporting requirements, compelling developers to disclose detailed financial information.
- Requires HOAs to provide prospective purchasers with important amendment, financial, and governance documentation before contract execution.
- Establishes new rules regarding recreational covenants in communities, defining terms and mandating disclosure of covenant details to potential buyers.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/24/25 HOUSE Filed

03/02/25 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

03/02/25 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee

SB 1002	Utility Service Restrictions	Truenow	03/12/25	02/21/25 05:23PM
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Expands preemption over utility service restrictions to include all levels of local government entities.

- Prohibits municipalities, counties, special districts, boards, agencies, commissions, authorities, and community development districts from enacting or enforcing any measures that limit or prohibit specific types or fuel sources of energy utilized by various authorized entities.
- Specifies the types of entities protected from restriction, including public and electric utilities, entities that generate electrical energy, natural gas utilities, transmission companies, and liquefied petroleum gas dealers.
- Restricts local governments from limiting the use of appliances that utilize certain energy types, unless necessary to enforce Florida Building or Fire Prevention Codes.
- Voids any local government documents or policies that restrict energy types if they were in place before or on July 1, 2021.

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Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/21/25 SENATE Filed

02/28/25 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; Rules

03/06/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/11/25, 4:00 pm, 37 S

03/11/25 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 6 Yeas, 1 Nay

03/12/25 SENATE Now in Regulated Industries

HB 1071

Alternative Plans Reviews and Inspections

Benarroch

03/17/25

02/25/25
03:30PM

Amends Florida's building inspection and plan review statutes, specifically addressing processes for single-trade inspections and reviews.

- Redefines "single-trade inspection" to include inspections like solar energy installation and electrical alterations.
- Introduces "single-trade plans review" for reviewing plans related to inspections detailed in the revised definition.
- Allows notices to specify whether single-trade inspections will be conducted in person or virtually.
- Authorizes private providers to use automated systems for single-trade plans reviews and to disclose the system used.
- Requires the local building official to issue permits within 5 business days for single-family dwellings undergoing single-trade reviews, or within 20 business days for other cases; if not, the permit must be automatically approved.
- States that private providers may perform required inspections either in person or virtually, and must handle all reporting and certification requirements associated with these inspections.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/25/25 HOUSE Filed

03/05/25 HOUSE Referred to Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

03/05/25 HOUSE Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

03/17/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee, 03/19/25, 1:00 pm, 212 K

SB 1076

Roof Contracting

McClain

03/03/25

03/07/25
11:44AM

Expands the definition and scope of work for roofing contractors and revises conditions under which residential property owners can cancel roofing contracts after a state of emergency.

- Revises the definition of "roofing contractor" to include the installation, maintenance, repair, alteration, and design of roofing and related work, such as skylights, roof-deck attachments, and roof-to-wall connections.
- Allows residential property owners to cancel a roofing contract without penalty within 10 days after entering into the contract or by the official start date, whichever is earlier, if signed within 30 days following a declared state of emergency.

(S: 715)

- Specifies that this cancellation clause does not apply to extensions of the state of emergency for the same event.
- Defines the official start date for such contracts as the commencement of installation of permanent materials, issuance of a final permit, or the completion of temporary roof repairs in compliance with Florida Building Code.
- Requires contractors to provide specific cancellation rights information in the contract, highlighted in bold type of not less than 14-point font.
- Stipulates that cancellation notices from property owners must be sent via certified mail or another verifiable method.

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

02/24/25 SENATE Filed

03/03/25 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Judiciary; Rules

SB 1118

Land Use and Development
Regulations

McClain

03/17/25

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The bill amends a series of Florida statutes to modify and clarify land use and development regulations, particularly focusing on administrative approval processes, definitions within community planning, and rights relating to recreational amenities in residential subdivisions.

- Revises sections to enable administrative approval of developments in agricultural enclaves, where such developments must conform to surrounding use densities and are treated as conforming uses irrespective of contrary local plans or regulations.
- Modifies the definition of "agricultural enclave" and introduces definitions for "infill residential development" and "contiguous."
- Enacts requirements that prohibit comprehensive plans from containing policies that limit residential use density and necessitate the use of consistent data for plan amendments unless countered by new valid data.

- Sets parameters for the treatment and approval of infill residential developments as conforming uses without necessitating further amendments or hearings.
- Amends the Homeowners' Association Act to redefine terms related to amenity dues and expenses while setting forth specific disclosure requirements for recreational facilities in residential communities.
- Establishes that newer recreational covenants must detail the calculation of fees and conditions for fee increases, and provide for public access disclosures in sales contracts.
- Clarifies existing laws surrounding residential parcel amenity dues and provides for retroactive application of specified statutory amendments.

This concise summary aims to outline significant changes and new additions set by the bill within the context of governing community planning, homeowners associations, and land development regulation.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/25/25 SENATE Filed

03/03/25 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; Rules

03/12/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/17/25, 4:00 pm, 37 S

03/17/25 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 5 Yeas, 3 Nays

HB 1125	Regional Planning and Economic Development	Owen	03/05/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
(S: 1264) (C: 1185 1307 1397 1532 1662 1694)	<p>Revises provisions related to regional planning, economic development, and the use of the term "minority" in various statutes, renaming it as "business enterprises in economically disadvantaged areas."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises the definitions and uses of "minority" and related terms across multiple Florida statutes, replacing them with new terms focused on economically disadvantaged areas. • Amends various statutes to reflect the updated term, influencing areas such as education scholarships, business certifications, and commission representations. • Adjusts regulations in fields ranging from accounting and health services to urban development and technology. • Ensures that the changes made are consistent with existing public health, safety, legal, and procedural standards. • Applies the new terminology to various committees, councils, and programs, aiming to align them with inclusive and equitable economic development goals. 			

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/26/25 HOUSE Filed

03/05/25 HOUSE Referred to Commerce Committee; State Affairs Committee;
Ways & Means Committee; Budget Committee

03/05/25 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

SB 1134	Alternative Plans Review and Inspections	Calatayud	03/17/25	02/25/25 01:36PM
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Amends Florida Statute s. 553.791, reshaping provisions regarding alternative plans review and inspection services.

- Defines "single-trade inspection" or "single-trade plans review" to include inspections or reviews focused on a single construction aspect like plumbing or electrical work.
- Requires notices for using private inspection services to specify if the inspection will be conducted virtually or in person.
- Authorizes private providers to use automated or software-based review systems for determining compliance with certain codes.
- Mandates that private providers preparing affidavits for plan reviews must disclose the use of any automated systems.
- Stipulates that local building officials must issue permits or provide a notice of noncompliance within specific timeframes, notably within 5 business days for single-trade reviews related to certain residential dwellings.
- Revises the process for local building officials to notify of plan deficiencies, providing timelines for the resolution and re-submission of plans.
- Allows private providers to conduct required inspections either in person or virtually, and specifies their duties and the formalities for reports.
- Reenacts several statutory provisions to incorporate the amendments, focusing on expedited approval processes and disciplinary proceedings for registered architects and others providing inspection services under the updated statute.

(S: 1071
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Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/25/25 SENATE Filed

03/03/25 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; Rules

03/12/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/17/25, 4:00 pm,
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HB 1137	Preemption Over Utility Service Restrictions	Shoaf	03/13/25	02/26/25 04:38PM
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The bill amends Florida Statute 366.032 to curtail local governments from regulating energy sources and appliances used for energy supply.

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- Prohibits municipalities, counties, boards, agencies, commissions, and authorities within any county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision from enacting or enforcing measures that limit the types of energy or fuel sources that may be used by certain designated utility providers.
- Ensures that the same governmental entities cannot restrict the use of appliances, like stoves and grills, that employ particular energy or fuel types provided by the listed entities.
- Declares all preexisting local actions that conflict with this preemption, existing as of July 1, 2021, as void.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/26/25 HOUSE Filed

03/05/25 HOUSE Referred to Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee;
Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

03/05/25 HOUSE Now in Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

03/10/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee,
03/12/25, 10:15 am, 102 H

03/12/25 HOUSE Favorable by Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; 18 Yeas, 0
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03/13/25 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 1159	Agriculture	Abbott	02/27/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
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Expands the use and modifies the terms of loans under the Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Emergency Loan Program and establishes the Silviculture Emergency Recovery Program.

- Renames the Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Natural Disaster Recovery Loan Program to the Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Emergency Loan Program.
- Allows loan funds to be used for labor costs and to reset and replant agriculture and aquaculture commodities.

- Increases the maximum loan amount to \$1.5 million per applicant per application period and creates provisions for a supplemental loan of up to \$1 million under specified conditions.
- Adjusts eligibility criteria, requiring applicants to retain crop and property insurance for the duration of the loan on bona fide farm operations.
- Authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to renew loan applications in active emergency declarations, defer or waive loan payments during significant hardships, and adopt necessary standards and rules.
- Establishes the Silviculture Emergency Recovery Program, which provides grants for timber land restoration and related activities following a declared emergency, available only for land classified as agricultural.
- Specifies coordination responsibilities to prevent duplication of financial assistance and maximize emergency financial support for affected producers.
- Commands the Citrus Research and Development Foundation to manage a program testing best management practices for addressing citrus industry challenges, with departmental support.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/26/25 HOUSE Filed

02/27/25 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

HB 1185	Department of Management Services	Sapp	03/05/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
(C: 903 1075 1125 1264 1307 1397 1532 1662 1694)	<p>The bill amends various Florida statutes to remove provisions related to minority business enterprises and to promote the engagement of small businesses in various state sectors. Additionally, it revises multiple definitions, agency responsibilities, training programs, evaluation measures, and reporting requirements throughout these statutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes provisions specifically aimed at fostering minority business enterprises across various economic and development statutes. • Modifies terminology, replacing "minority business enterprises" with "small businesses" in many instances. • Adjusts qualification rules for certain entities or projects to include or focus on small businesses rather than minorities, as seen in contexts such as bidding, contracting, and investment. • Specifies new or revised roles and responsibilities for state agencies concerning the implementation of the changes, particularly noting alterations to reports, training programs, and the nature of incentives provided. • Mandates that certain performance and economic advancements now include or prioritize small businesses. 			

- Introduces more general diversity plans for certain licenses and contracts, moving away from specific minority-directed measures.
- Removes or adjusts outdated language and repeals specific sections or statutes that previously targeted minorities specifically in business structures.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/26/25 HOUSE Filed

03/05/25 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Budget Committee; State Affairs Committee

03/05/25 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

SB 1194	Mail Theft	DiCeglie	03/03/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
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Creates new laws against mail theft and related offenses in Florida.

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- Defines "mail," "mail depository," and "postal service" to encompass all forms of mail handling and delivery.
- Prohibits removing mail from mail depositories or carriers with intent to steal, and obtaining mail through fraud or deception.
- Outlaws the sale, possession, or concealment of stolen mail, as well as selling or possessing counterfeit or stolen mail depository keys or locks.
- Classifies violations as felonies, subject to specific criminal penalties under sections 775.082 or 775.083 of Florida Statutes.

Effective Date: 10/1/2025

02/25/25 SENATE Filed

03/03/25 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Fiscal Policy

HB 1201	Requirements for Battery Manufacturers	Gentry	03/05/25	02/26/25 04:36PM
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(I: 800)

Amends a Florida statute to introduce new requirements and definitions concerning the sale of products powered by specific types of batteries.

- Redefines paragraphs within Section 403.7192, Florida Statutes, and adds new definitions for "lithium battery", "medium-format battery", "portable battery", and "primary battery".
- Prohibits the sale or offer for sale of consumer and nonconsumer products powered by lithium, medium-format, portable, primary, or rechargeable batteries unless:

- Consumer product batteries are easily removable by the consumer or housed in a separate, easily removable battery pack.
- Nonconsumer product batteries are removable or contained in a separate battery pack.
- Products or batteries are labeled with recycling symbols and chemical composition indicators.
- Instruction manuals or product packaging for consumer products provide proper disposal or recycling directions for batteries.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/26/25 HOUSE Filed

03/05/25 HOUSE Referred to Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee;
Commerce Committee

03/05/25 HOUSE Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

HB 1209	Land Use and Development Regulations	Steele	03/05/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
(I: 1118) (C: 368 943 983)	<p>Revises Florida's land use and development regulations, specifically concerning agricultural enclaves, comprehensive plans, and amendments related to zoning and development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifies the approval process by allowing agricultural enclave owners to apply directly for administrative development approvals, rather than comprehensive plan amendments. • Eliminates the presumption of urban sprawl for enclave expansion, streamlining enclave development approval. • Mandates that certain developments be treated as conforming uses, bypassing local comprehensive plans and zoning restrictions. • Prohibits local governments from enforcing regulations on agricultural enclaves that are more restrictive than those imposed on similar applications. • Redefines "agricultural enclave" and updates the definitions related to compatibility and contiguous development. • Specifies that comprehensive plans cannot mandate certain planning studies or surveys and introduces provisions related to the optional comprehensive plan elements. • Requires a supermajority vote for adopting comprehensive plans that involve more restrictive development procedures. • Establishes new criteria for infill residential developments, offering simplified approval processes. 			

- Amends Homeowners' Association Act to include definitions and provisions concerning recreational covenants, clarifying their applicability and financial responsibilities.
- Includes specific changes to improve transparency, such as financial reporting requirements for amenities and recreational facilities governed by recreational covenants.
- Provides disclosure requirements in contracts for sales of properties affected by recreational covenants, enhancing buyer awareness of potential duties and fees.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/26/25 HOUSE Filed

03/05/25 HOUSE Referred to Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

03/05/25 HOUSE Now in Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

HB 1239	Energy Infrastructure Investment	Kincart Jonsson	03/05/25	02/26/25 04:33PM
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Authorizes the Public Service Commission to establish an experimental mechanism to support energy infrastructure investments in gas.

- Establishes guidelines for the experimental mechanism consistent with existing structures and intents outlined in specified statutes.
- Limits gas infrastructure investments to activities such as collection, preparation, cleaning, processing, transportation, and injection of gas for transportation fuel or pipeline distribution.
- Defines "gas" specifically as biogas, landfill gas, or wastewater treatment gas with a methane content of 90% or greater.
- Grants the Commission discretion to decide if the experimental mechanism's reviews occur annually.
- Commands the Commission to adopt and propose necessary rules by no later than January 1, 2026.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/26/25 HOUSE Filed

03/05/25 HOUSE Referred to Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

03/05/25 HOUSE Now in Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

SB 1264	Rural and Urban Business Enterprises	Collins	03/03/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
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Repeals numerous statutes in Florida related to minority business participation, regional planning, and other business-related processes.

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- Amends responsibilities pertaining to regional planning councils, strategic regional policy plans, and related state and local planning and development processes.
- Revises definitions and criteria related to minority business enterprises, altering focus to urban and rural business enterprises.
- Deletes specific responsibilities, designations, and functions previously assigned to regional planning councils.
- Modifies terms and criteria for economic and business development programs to emphasize support for rural or urban businesses rather than minority-specific groups.
- Changes the composition requirements of various boards, councils, and commissions to adjust the criteria for minority representation.
- Removes specific mandates for regional planning councils in areas like transportation planning, development reviews, and other coordination activities.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/25/25 SENATE Filed

03/03/25 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Rules

HB 1269	Electric Vehicle Battery Management	Mayfield	03/05/25	02/26/25 11:12PM
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Enhances end-of-life management for electric vehicle batteries to support responsible disposal and recycling.

- Prohibits landfill disposal of propulsion batteries.
- Defines key terms such as "battery management hierarchy," "propulsion battery," and "specialized battery recycler."
- Sets requirements for solid waste collectors and facilities to refuse collection or acceptance of propulsion batteries.
- Mandates secondary handlers and users to manage batteries according to the hierarchical preference for reuse or recycling before disposal, and requires them to coordinate with specialized recyclers.

- Obligates battery providers to responsibly manage end-of-life batteries, facilitate the return of spent batteries, and ensure the accessibility of battery health data.
- Assigns responsibilities for non-provider persons or entities disposing of propulsion batteries to return them to designated handlers or recyclers.
- Requires annual reporting by battery providers, secondary handlers/users, and specialized recyclers on the volumes managed and recycling processes.
- Empowers the Department of Environmental Protection to enact regulations, communicate prohibitions, authorize recyclers, and enforce violations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/26/25 HOUSE Filed

03/05/25 HOUSE Referred to Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee;
Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; State Affairs
Committee

03/05/25 HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

SB 1298	Building Construction	Simon	03/14/25	02/26/25 04:21PM
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Amends Florida statutes to update construction and building regulations, focusing on areas of certification, internship programs, and permitting responsibilities.

(S: 707)
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- Exempts building code administrators and inspectors from certain continuing education requirements.
- Defines "building code administrator" and "building official" roles, expands their responsibilities, and adjusts the definition of "residential inspector".
- Requires the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board to establish internship programs and eligibility criteria for one-and two-family dwelling inspector certifications.
- Authorizes property owners or their agents to personally or virtually sign permit applications and disclosure statements.
- Specifies that newly designated qualifying agents apply for a change of contractor within set timeframes and outlines processes for changing contractors including providing hold harmless affidavits.
- Revises the threshold contract value that triggers the requirement for a building permit applicant to file a notice of commencement and updates details required on such notices.
- Adjusts the permit application process to include signatures from property owners under specific contract conditions and revises the general form of building permit applications to accommodate these changes.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/26/25 SENATE Filed

03/06/25 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Rules

03/14/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Regulated Industries, 03/19/25, 9:00 am, 412 K

SB 1304	Solar Facilities	Bradley	03/14/25	02/26/25 04:20PM
(I: 1595)	Revises Florida statutes to enhance and specify decommissioning requirements for solar facilities on agricultural land.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redefines legislative intent to ensure that solar facilities on agricultural land are returned to their original state and remain viable for agricultural use post-decommissioning.• Defines "agricultural land" and "decommissioned," focusing on restoring land to a condition similar to its pre-solar facility state.• Authorizes counties to require the proper decommissioning of solar facilities that are built on agricultural lands and exceed 2 megawatts upon their lifecycle			

completion.

- Establishes conditions under which counties can presume a solar facility has reached the end of its useful life, such as a year without power production or indications of abandonment.
- Allows solar facility owners to rebut end-of-life presumptions by providing specific plans and assurances to continue operation or construction.
- Enables counties to demand financial assurance from facility owners for potential decommissioning costs, requiring updates every 5 years.
- Permits county action to enforce decommissioning, including the forfeiture of financial assurances if a solar facility owner fails to meet obligations.
- Eliminates previous provisions that automatically permitted solar facilities in certain agricultural zones and mandated specific siting and landscaping regulations.
- Adjusts the applicability to exclude solar facility sites with applications submitted before July 1, 2025.
- Removes exemptions allowing solar facility substations from local government land development regulations, now permitting local control with standards for compatibility.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/26/25 SENATE Filed

03/06/25 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Fiscal Policy

03/14/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Regulated Industries, 03/19/25, 9:00 am, 412 K

HB 1397	Transportation	Abbott	03/05/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
(S: 1662) (C: 110 462 567 1125 1185 1427 1694)	Authorizes various changes to Florida's transportation, infrastructure, and related administrative processes. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empowers the Secretary of Transportation to appoint new assistant secretaries and an Executive Director of Transportation Technology, maintaining their Senior Management Service status.• Establishes the Florida Transportation Research Institute, led by an administrative head from selected member entities and periodically assessed.• Grants the Institute authority to award grants aligned with its mission and expend funds from the State Transportation Trust Fund for operations and research projects.			

- Requires the Florida Transportation Commission to include members with specific industry expertise and empowers the commission to monitor transit entities and follow public officer conduct standards.
- Mandates the removal of requirements for the commission to submit budgets to the governor and changes the submission process for transportation initiatives and revisions.
- Allocates certain tax proceeds to the State Transportation Trust Fund from a specific date, reassessed monthly.
- Adds eligible projects for funding under the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program, including spaceport-related projects.
- Requires commercial service airports to retain certain records, update their website quarterly, and report annually on maintenance.
- Revises the definitions of terms like "small business" and alters conditions under which specified seaports can receive grants.
- Prioritizes funding for projects that support state energy policy, including those enhancing airport capacities in smaller counties.
- Repeals several statutes and amendments relevant to transportation and environmental regulations.

Streamlines procedures for airport-related certifications, revises reporting and funding mechanisms, and emphasizes support for small business participation in state contracts.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/27/25 HOUSE Filed

03/05/25 HOUSE Referred to Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee;
Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee;
Commerce Committee

03/05/25 HOUSE Now in Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

SB 1452	Department of Business and Professional Regulation	Truenow	03/06/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
(I: 1461)	Reforms various elements of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), including repealing sections, revising licensing requirements, and renaming councils. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeals several statutes related to expenditures, disciplinary actions, and professional boards like Barbers' Board and Board of Cosmetology. • Amends statutes to rename and restructure boards like the Certified Public Accountant Education Minority Assistance Advisory Council to Certified Public Accountant Education Opportunity Assistance Advisory Council. 			

- Revises licensure and operational requirements, including mobile barbershops to comply with fixed location licensure requirements and specifying that all barbershops must be licensed.
- Includes changes to requirements for accessibility of elevators for the physically handicapped.
- Establishes new guidelines for the department to request employment eligibility verification documents from employers.
- Specifies license application processes and continuing education requirements must use forms and proceedings furnished by DBPR's online system exclusively.
- Conforms sections of various statutes throughout Florida Law to harmonize with changes brought by this act, including amendments in interior design licensure, agricultural operations, and professions monitored by DBPR.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/26/25 SENATE Filed

03/06/25 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy

HB 1461	Department of Business and Professional Regulation	Yarkosky	03/05/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
(I: 1452)	<p>A bill modifies various aspects of professional regulations and practices including repealing specific statutes, renaming and redesignating boards, and amending requirements related to accessibility, employment eligibility verification, continuing education, and various professional practices. Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repealing sections 468.399, 468.521, 468.523, 476.054, 477.015, 481.2131, 481.2251, 481.305, 492.103, 499.01211, and 713.79, Florida Statutes. • Renaming the Certified Public Accountant Education Minority Assistance Advisory Council to the Certified Public Accountant Education Opportunity Assistance Advisory Council, revising the Clay Ford Scholarship Program. • Adjusting licensure and permit application procedures, including the requirement for background checks and criminal history review for cosmetologists. • Establishing notification procedures for the Department of Business and Professional Regulation regarding employer violations of employment eligibility verification. • Deleting requirements for boards to review criminal records for cosmetologists and certain interior design regulations. • Adapting elevator accessibility requirements and specifics on how the Department of Business and Professional Regulation may request employment documentation. 			

- Modifying technical and statutory references across multiple sections in various professional fields including engineering, architecture, auctioneering, and public lodging establishments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/28/25 HOUSE Filed

03/05/25 HOUSE Referred to Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; State Administration Budget Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

03/05/25 HOUSE Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

SB 1474	Private Provider Building Inspection Services	DiCeglie	03/06/25	03/15/25 02:23PM
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Facilitates the employment of private providers for building inspection and plan review services by altering various statutes and regulations.

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| (S: 695) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board to include members who are private providers or employed by private provider firms. • Mandates the Florida Building Commission to have representatives who are private providers and licensed contractors using such providers. • Adjusts terms concerning agreements for building code inspection services provided by private providers and conditions for reduced permit fees. • Prohibits local jurisdictions from charging additional fees when private providers are hired for building inspections and mandates immediate access to inspection documents and reports. • Revises conditions and notifications processes for using private providers, including authorizing private providers licensed as building code administrators to serve as local building officials. • Specifies the responsibilities and authority of private providers, including the prohibition of local officials from interfering in their operations. • Removes several requirements for local building officials, such as verifying compliance and specific timeframes for issuing permits if certain conditions are not met. |
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Effective Date: 7/1/2025

02/26/25 SENATE Filed

03/06/25 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Fiscal Policy

Summarizes regulations regarding the provision of utility services by municipalities, focusing on public accountability and financial practices.

- Mandates public meetings prior to the commencement or amendment of agreements for providing utility services, ensuring public input and transparency regarding service nature, fees, and usage of generated revenue.
- Requires written agreements for the provision of utility services and defines the roles of "appointed representatives" and "governing bodies" for procedural clarity.
- Caps the use of utility-generated revenue for non-utility municipal functions at 10%, with excess funds to be reinvested in utilities or returned to customers.
- Establishes annual reporting requirements for municipalities to the Florida Public Service Commission, describing utility service metrics and financial details.
- Compels the Commission to compile these reports annually, providing updates to the Governor and Legislature, ensuring ongoing oversight of municipal utility services.
- Prohibits local governmental bodies from restricting the types of energy sources and appliances for their territories, maintaining consumer choice and market fairness.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2026

02/28/25 HOUSE Filed

03/05/25 HOUSE Referred to Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee;
Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

03/05/25 HOUSE Now in Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

03/10/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee,
03/12/25, 10:15 am, 102 H

03/12/25 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14
Yeas, 4 Nays

03/12/25 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/14/25 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

03/17/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Intergovernmental Affairs
Subcommittee, 03/19/25, 1:00 pm, 17 H

The bill amends multiple statutes related to executive agency policies, state purchasing, and vendor eligibility, with significant changes affecting minority business enterprise definitions and participation.

- Repeals several sections promoting minority business participation, revising definitions including the term "minority business enterprise."
- Alters existing reporting and policy requirements to remove references to affirmative action and minority participation goals.
- Introduces new provisions for surviving dependent children of certain officers, permitting continued insurance coverage under state plans.
- Deletes requirements for the development of selected programs related to state employee positions.
- Modifies procurement processes, emphasizing open competition without mandating preferences for minority businesses.
- Establishes a "prohibited vendor list" preventing certain entities from contracting with public entities if involved in public entity crimes, discrimination, or other specific offenses.
- Provides for significant changes to competitive bid evaluation, prioritizing Florida-based businesses and U.S.-based businesses in procurements.

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Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025

02/27/25 SENATE Filed

03/06/25 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General
Government; Fiscal Policy

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Amends provisions for solar facilities, focusing on proper decommissioning and land restoration.

- Revises legislative intent to ensure agricultural land used for solar facilities is restorable and viable for agricultural use after the facility's lifecycle.
- Defines "agricultural land" and "decommissioned", and sets conditions for identifying a solar facility as decommissioned.
- Authorizes counties to adopt ordinances requiring decommissioning of solar facilities once they are deemed to have ended their useful life, with conditions for presuming such an end.

- Grants counties the ability to require financial assurances from solar facility owners, such as bonds or letters of credit, to cover decommissioning costs.
- Specifies that counties can demand updates every 5 years on the estimated decommissioning costs and adjust required financial assurances accordingly.
- Allows county action to enforce decommissioning if the solar facility owner fails to meet required standards.
- Removes provisions that previously treated solar facilities as permitted uses in certain land use categories, subjecting them instead to new decommissioning requirements.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

02/28/25 HOUSE Filed

03/05/25 HOUSE Referred to Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

03/05/25 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 1662	Transportation	Collins	03/07/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
(S: 1397) (C: 110 462 567 1125 1185 1427 1694)	<p>Streamlines and modifies various aspects of Florida's transportation infrastructure and management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to appoint three assistant secretaries with specific titles and responsibilities, and to appoint an Executive Director of Transportation Technology, with all positions exempt from career service and included in the Senior Management Service. • Empowers the Florida Transportation Commission to oversee and monitor state transportation systems, modify member qualifications, and requires adherence to specific conduct standards. • Establishes the Florida Transportation Research Institute aimed at fostering innovative transportation solutions and workforce development, and mandates periodic performance reports to the department. • Revises regulations surrounding the distribution of funds from transportation-related taxes to the State Transportation Trust Fund for specific transportation enhancements. • Broadens the eligibility criteria for grant funding under the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program to include spaceport and commercial shipbuilding projects. • Mandates seaports in certain counties to include specific conditions in agreements related to cargo purpose facilities. 			

- Repeals a statute related to high-occupancy-vehicle lanes and updates definitions and requirements across various transportation-related statutes.
- Introduces a provision to prohibit the expenditure of state funds for projects inconsistent with state energy policies.
- Deletes scheduled repeals and modifies provisions related to disadvantaged business enterprise participation in department contracts, allowing greater flexibility in funding disadvantaged and small business participation.

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SB 1694	Prohibited Preferences in Government Contracting	Fine	03/13/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
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This bill amends existing statutes to eliminate preferences based on race, ethnicity, or minority status in government contracting and related activities across various sectors.

- Prohibits awarding bodies from giving preference to vendors based on race or ethnicity.
- Revises reporting requirements for the Chief Financial Officer, eliminating the need to report disbursements made to certified minority business enterprises.
- Repeals multiple statutes concerning minority business enterprise participation and certification requirements.
- Eliminates definitions and duties related to the Office of Supplier Diversity, which get repealed by the act.
- Adjusts factors considered in awarding contracts for architectural, engineering, and other professional services to remove considerations of a vendor being a certified minority business.
- Specifies revised guidelines for local government in awarding contracts, removing any necessity to consider minority business involvement.
- Amends the criteria for economic incentives in brownfield redevelopment by excluding minority business enterprise programs.
- Removes requirements for state universities to consider utilization of minority businesses when commissioning construction or other services.

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SB 1704 Utility Services

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Summarizes new requirements and restrictions for municipalities in Florida providing utility services.

- Mandates written public meetings before implementing new, extended, or substantially amended utility service agreements, addressing service details, rates, and revenue usage.
- Requires annual public customer meetings in each served municipality or area to discuss utility-related matters.
- Cap the use of revenue from utility services to fund general governmental functions at 10%, with excess revenues reinvested or returned to external customers.
- Imposes reporting obligations on municipalities to the Florida Public Service Commission, including utility customer counts, service volumes, and revenue details, with annual state-level reporting requirements.
- Adjusts allowable charges for water and sewer services dictated by location and operational equity, removing surcharges exceeding certain percentages.
- Prohibits municipal restrictions on specific types of energy production and appliances, invalidating existing counter local laws or policies.

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