

Number	Title	Sponsor	Last Action	Date Foldered
HB 0117	Consumer Protection	Temple	01/15/25	01/13/25 12:42PM
(S: 854)	Establishes regulations for unlicensed vendors providing home repair services and alters criminal penalties for violations.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defines "unlicensed vendor" as any person offering services related to residential properties without a contractor's license.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.			
	Effective Date: July 1, 2025			
	01/07/25 HOUSE Filed			
	01/15/25 HOUSE Referred to Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Commerce Committee			
	01/15/25 HOUSE Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee			
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.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prohibits utility disconnections when forecasted heat indices reach 90 degrees Fahrenheit, temperatures drop to 32 degrees or below, or during a state of emergency.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires waiving of reconnection and late fees under certain temperature conditions.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
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Expands and modifies the Florida Public Service Commission's regulations and reporting requirements concerning public utilities.

- 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.

(C: 1319)

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

Proposes a constitutional amendment to create tax exemptions for real property and to set an implementation schedule.

(L: 359)
(C: 1016)

- Amends Article VII to provide for a \$100,000 exemption from all levies under certain circumstances.
- Provides that these changes take effect 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
Creates a property tax exemption for real property, exempting the first \$100,000 of value from all taxation.				
(L: 357)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Specifies the tax exemption according to Section 3(h), Article VII of the State Constitution.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.			
	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

García

02/03/25

03/03/25
02:09PM

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.

- 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.

(C: 983 1118
1209)

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.

- 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
<p>Amends guidelines for allocation of contracted amounts by the Department of Transportation (DOT) towards the purchase of plant materials for construction projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Effective Date: 7/1/2025</p> <p>02/05/25 SENATE Filed</p> <p>02/20/25 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Fiscal Policy</p>				
HB 0621	State Renewable Energy Goals	Eskamani	02/26/25	02/18/25 12:43PM
(S: 1496)	<p>Amends definitions and establishes procedures to enforce Florida's transition to renewable energy and reduce carbon emissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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

HB 0651	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	Tuck	03/31/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
(S: 700) (C: 84 1159 1194)	<p>Enacts comprehensive changes to the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and other areas of state regulation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempts certain positions in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from the Career Service System. • Prohibits governmental entities from inhibiting housing for verified agricultural workers on bona fide farm-operated agricultural land. • Requires such housing units on agricultural lands to meet specified building standards and maintenance criteria. • Allows local ordinances to adopt less restrictive land use regulations than the state, provided they comply with specific health and safety standards. • Mandates property owners maintain records of approved permits for migrant housing for a minimum of three years. • Specifies conditions under which a housing site must be discontinued and removed. • Requires the department to enforce housing regulations by completing routine inspections and collecting data for quarterly reports to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement. • Authorizes the department to surplus lands suitable for agricultural production while retaining rural-lands-protection easements for all surplus lands. • Restricts drone operation on agricultural lands and increases penalties for unauthorized activities. • Establishes definitions and guidelines for the management and sale of electric utility lands designated as agricultural. • Sets standards for the operation and inspection of electric vehicle charging stations, including permitting processes and penalties for non-compliance. 			

- Defines new terms related to pest control, altering requirements and adoption processes for examination and certification, including allowing third-party vendors to collect convenience fees.
- Updates regulations concerning charitable organizations' operations, including penalties for violations and requirements for registration and record-keeping.
- Defines new criteria for cottage food product operations, exempting them from certain permitting requirements based on annual sales.
- Establishes the Florida Retail Fuel Transfer Switch Modernization Grant Program to aid in the installation of transfer switches at fuel facilities, promoting emergency preparedness.
- Amends various statutes to comply with broader legislative changes, addressing a range of issues from mosquito control to public water system operations.

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

03/19/25 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee on 03/18/25; 14 Yeas, 3 Nays

03/21/25 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/24/25 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

03/24/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 03/26/25, 8:00 am, 404 H

03/26/25 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 4 Nays

03/27/25 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

03/27/25 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee

03/27/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee, 03/31/25, 4:00 pm, 314 H

03/31/25 HOUSE Favorable by Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 4 Nays

03/31/25 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

Amends and adds new provisions to Florida statutes related to apprenticeship and preapprenticeship program funding and standards.

- Requires updates to uniform minimum standards and policies for apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs, including partnership structures and funding splits with local educational agencies.
- Mandates the annual apprenticeship report by November 30, enhancing details such as responsibilities, costs, fund expenditures, and program performance metrics.
- Introduces the development of a standard model contract template to be used by local educational agencies and program providers, detailing roles, funding responsibilities, and legal compliance.
- Establishes a new fund transparency tool to be developed by July 1, 2026, detailing historical funding amounts for programs, searchable by fund source and institution type.
- Amends guidelines for the District Workforce Education Funding Steering Committee, including requirements for meeting notifications, public access, and the use of communications media technology.
- Specifies that the annual workforce education funding model report must be provided to legislative appropriations committees at least two months before the Legislature's regular session begins.

(I: 1458)
(C: 1307
1458 1624)

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

03/21/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Careers & Workforce Subcommittee, 03/25/25, 9:00 am, 17 H - PCS

03/25/25 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Careers & Workforce Subcommittee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

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

03/26/25 HOUSE Now in Higher Education Budget Subcommittee

03/28/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Higher Education Budget Subcommittee, 04/01/25, 1:00 pm, 102 H

04/01/25 HOUSE Favorable by Higher Education Budget Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/01/25 HOUSE Now in Education & Employment Committee

HB 0695	Private Provider Building Inspection Services	Gentry	02/26/25	03/15/25 02:23PM
	Streamlines and amends regulations related to private provider building inspection services in Florida, alongside mandating more representation from private providers in regulatory bodies.			
(S: 1474)	<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 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. 			
	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	03/28/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
(S: 651) (C: 84 1159 1194)	<p>Amends various Florida statutes to exempt specific positions within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from the Career Service System.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines terms and creates exemptions for certain housing units constructed for verified agricultural workers on bona fide farms from local governmental restrictions. Specifies building and maintenance standards for such housing, including distancing, screening, and material requirements. Authorizes less restrictive local ordinances if compliant with state and federal standards for migrant housing. 			

- Mandates property owners to maintain records of permits for migrant housing for at least three years.
- Establishes criteria under which agricultural worker housing can be discontinued or removed.
- Introduces a permitting procedure subject to allocation systems for areas of critical state concern, like the Florida Keys.
- Allows continued use of housing sites constructed before July 1, 2024, under certain conditions.
- Implements enforcement and data collection provisions by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Instructs the department to adopt rules for reporting and compliance concerning housing for legally verified agricultural workers.

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

03/21/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government, 03/26/25, 3:30 pm, 412 K

03/26/25 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; 8 Yeas, 4 Nays

03/28/25 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

03/28/25 SENATE Now in Fiscal Policy

HB 0703

Utility Relocation

Robinson
(W) Jr.

03/13/25

02/19/25
01:26PM

(S: 818)

Revises Florida's utility relocation requirements to expedite public works and clarifies when an authority must cover relocation costs.

- 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 Nays

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
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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

SB 0712	Construction Regulations	Grall	03/31/25	04/01/25 01:40PM
(C: 683)	<p>Defines "synthetic turf" and ensures local governments in Florida cannot ban or regulate its installation in specified areas, particularly single-family residential plots of 1 acre or less.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prohibits local governments from enforcing any rules that prevent property owners from installing synthetic turf.• Allows the Department of Environmental Protection to create rules regarding synthetic turf.• Mandates that local governments have 30 days to approve or deny price quotes for change orders, with specifications on how to rectify any deficiencies; non-compliance results in liabilities for the local government.• Ensures local contracts don't alter governmental duties about timeframes and denials for price quotes.• Bans state and its subdivisions from penalizing or rewarding contractors based on the volume of construction work done in public projects.• Prevents local enforcement agencies from needing extra documents between permit applicants and clients for building permits. <p>Effective Date: 7/1/2025</p> <p>02/13/25 SENATE Filed</p> <p>02/25/25 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Rules</p> <p>03/26/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/31/25, 4:00 pm, 37 S</p> <p>03/31/25 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays</p>			

HB 0715	Roofing Services	Porras	04/01/25	03/07/25 11:44AM
(S: 1076)	<p>Revise the definition of "roofing contractor" in Florida statutes and change provisions related to roofing contracts during states of emergency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expands the scope of work for roofing contractors to include the evaluation and enhancement of roof-to-wall connections, along with necessary roof repair or replacement.• Reenacts sections of statutes to include the updated definition of "roofing contractor."• Prohibits residential property owners from canceling roofing repair or replacement contracts without penalty up to 10 days after signing or the start of work—applicable if the contract follows within 180 days after a state of emergency is declared.			

- Requires contractors to include specific, bolded statements in contracts signed during states of emergency, clarifying cancellation rights related to timing of the contract and state of emergency declarations.
- Mandates additional contract language advising residential property owners to confirm insurance coverage for proposed roofing work related to insurance claims, ensuring homeowners verify terms and coverage before entering agreements.

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

03/27/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 03/31/25, 1:30 pm,
212 K

03/31/25 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/01/25 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

SB 0740

Continuing Education Requirements

Harrell

02/25/25

02/26/25
04:21PM

Amends Florida Statute 455.2124 to revise the applicability of continuing education requirements for licensure renewal.

(S: 1441)
(C: 707 1298
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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

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

SB 0800

Requirements for Battery
Manufacturers

McClain

03/26/25

02/18/25
11:25AM

The bill amends existing regulations concerning batteries by adding new definitions and restrictions on sales.

(S: 1201)

- Redefines clause numbering in Section 403.7192 and inserts new terms for types of batteries like lithium, medium-format, and portable batteries.
- Defines "lithium battery" as a rechargeable battery using lithium ions in its electrode.
- Specifies "medium-format battery" weights and watt-hour ratings for both primary and rechargeable categories.
- Describes "portable battery" as weighing no more than specified limits depending on whether it is primary or rechargeable.
- States that "primary battery" refers to batteries that cannot be recharged.
- Prohibits the sale of consumer or nonconsumer products powered by specified types of batteries unless the batteries meet removable, labeling, and instructional requirements.
- Mandates product labeling with specific recycling symbols and the inclusion of chemical composition indicators for batteries.

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

03/20/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 03/25/25, 8:30 am, 110 S

03/25/25 SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/26/25 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/26/25 SENATE Now in Rules

SB 0818

Utility Relocation

McClain

04/01/25

02/19/25
01:27PM

(S: 703)

Revamps utility relocation requirements to streamline construction and maintenance processes involving public roadways and rail corridors.

- Mandates utility owners to provide a relocation schedule to relevant authorities within 30 days of notice and commence work within 60 days to mitigate any interference.
- Specifies circumstances under which service providers must perform utility work, including instances where they own facilities on federal-aid systems eligible for federal reimbursement, or where utilities are part of transportation agreements.

- Obligates the state or transportation authorities to cover utility relocation expenses under specified conditions, such as projects enhancing safety or accommodating commuter and intercity rail service projects funded by federal aid.
- Establishes that if broadband, cable, or video service providers need to relocate due to state requirements, they must carry out the necessary work, with the state shouldering the related costs.
- Aligns cross-references in statutory texts to account for these updates, confirming the act serves a significant state interest.

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03/26/25 SENATE Now in Transportation

03/27/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 04/01/25, 4:00 pm, 37 S

04/01/25 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 8 Yeas, 1 Nay

04/01/25 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

SB 0854

Consumer Protection

Ingoglia

03/26/25

02/19/25
10:24AM

Enhances consumer protections by setting requirements for unlicensed vendors providing home repair services.

(S: 117)

- 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.
- 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

03/20/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 03/25/25, 8:30 am, 110 S

03/25/25 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/26/25 SENATE Now in Criminal Justice

HB 0943	Real Property and Land Use and Development	Lopez, V.	03/31/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
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Provides control over the development of affordable housing in counties and municipalities, eliminating local restrictions that deter such development.

- Prohibits counties and municipalities from applying laws, ordinances, or measures that limit or prohibit affordable housing.
- Allows both entities to approve affordable housing development on parcels owned by specified religious institutions.
- Mandates multifamily and mixed-use residential as allowable uses on sites owned by specified entities and includes adjacent land in such development under certain conditions.
- Prevents counties and municipalities from requiring various approvals related to density, floor area ratio, maximum lot size, and building heights for proposed developments.
- Prohibits counties and municipalities from imposing building moratoriums that delay permitting for qualifying multifamily development.
- Requires administrative approval of proposed developments meeting local regulations without further action or approval.
- Establishes a required reduction of parking requirements and sets a timeframe for the approval of building permit plan reviews.
- Preempts regulation of affordable housing to the state and mandates an expedited legal process for any actions filed against local governments on preemption grounds.
- Specifies requirements for treating developments as conforming uses, continuing even after expiration of the subsection.
- Obligates counties and municipalities to maintain specific records and report compliance annually to the state land planning agency.

(C: 184 247
1730)

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

03/21/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee, 03/25/25, 12:00 pm, 17 H

03/26/25 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee on 03/25/25; 14 Yeas, 1 Nay

03/28/25 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/31/25 HOUSE Reference to Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee removed; Remaining references: Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

03/31/25 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

HB 0983	Homeowners' Associations	Porras	04/01/25	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.

(C: 368 1118
1209 1600)

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

04/01/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee, 04/03/25, 8:00 am, 404 H

SB 1002	Utility Service Restrictions	Truenow	04/02/25	02/21/25 05:23PM
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Expands preemption over utility service restrictions to include all levels of local government entities.

(S: 1137)
(C: 1523
1704)

- 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.

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

03/27/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Regulated Industries, 04/01/25, 4:00 pm, 412 K

04/01/25 SENATE Favorable by Regulated Industries; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/02/25 SENATE Now in Rules

HB 1071	Alternative Plans Reviews and Inspections	Benarroch	04/01/25	02/25/25 03:30PM
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(S: 1134)

Enhances the regulations for alternative plan reviews and inspections.

- Revises definitions of "permit application" and "single-trade inspection" to include automated or software-base assessments by private providers for one-trade focus in areas like plumbing and electrical systems.
- Authorizes private providers to perform single-trade inspections, including for single and two-family dwellings, either virtually or in person.
- Mandates local building officials to act within specific timeframes for certain permits, reducing the maximum wait time for a single-trade plans review to 2 business days from 20.
- Stipulates that permits related to single-trade plans reviews for private dwellings must be processed by officials within 2 business days; plan deficiencies must be handled within the remaining time plus an additional 5 business days after resubmittal.

- Allows electronic submissions and signatures on affidavits certifying compliance with applicable codes.
- Positions private providers to use advanced systems to ensure code compliance during plan reviews.

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

03/19/25 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/20/25 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/21/25 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

03/28/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, 04/01/25, 8:00 am, 17 H

04/01/25 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

04/01/25 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

SB 1076	Roof Contracting	McClain	04/01/25	03/07/25 11:44AM
(S: 715)	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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

03/27/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Regulated Industries, 04/01/25, 4:00 pm, 412 K

04/01/25 SENATE Favorable with CS by Regulated Industries; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 1118	Land Use and Development Regulations	McClain	03/19/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
Reforms various aspects of land use, development regulations, and related administrative processes in Florida.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits counties and municipalities from requiring applicants to install, pay for, or reimburse costs related to a work of art as a condition of processing or issuing development permits or orders. • Allows agricultural enclave owners to apply for administrative approval of development, bypassing future land use designations or comprehensive plan conflicts, and treats such developments as conforming uses. • Defines "agricultural enclave" and adjusts requirements regarding the protections for such enclaves, including boundaries and surrounding development conditions. • Revises the definition and applicability of "land development regulation" to include various municipal and county regulations. • Stipulates that comprehensive plans cannot contain policies that restrict development densities or intensities beyond what is specified in the future land use element. • Establishes "extraordinary circumstance" for impact fees and outlines conditions under which local governments can increase these fees beyond phase-in limitations. • Modifies the expedited state review process for comprehensive plan amendments and requires a supermajority vote for certain comprehensive plan amendments. • Enables owners affected by non-adoption of a comprehensive plan amendment to seek civil action. • Defines terms related to fuel terminals and protects their classification as permissible uses in local regulations. • Introduces a system for administering plat submittals, requiring a governing body to grant final administrative approval at its next meeting post-recommendation by the approving agency. • Amends homeowners' association regulations, detailing association governance and financial reporting requirements. • Creates part IV of chapter 720, F.S., titled "Recreational Covenants," defining terms, establishing financial reporting obligations for private amenities, and setting forth disclosure requirements for sales contracts regarding recreational amenities. 				

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579 665 784
983 1080
1209 1561)

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

03/19/25 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/19/25 SENATE Now in Regulated Industries

HB 1125

Regional Planning and Economic Development

Owen

03/05/25

03/03/25
02:09PM

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."

- 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.

(C: 1185
1264 1397
1532 1662
1694)

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	03/18/25	02/25/25 01:36PM
(S: 1071)	Revises Florida's alternative plans review and inspection process, specifically defining and modifying terms related to inspections and enforcing building regulations.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds definitions for terms like "single-trade inspection" and "single-trade plans review," incorporating a variety of specific construction trade checks and reviews.• Requires notice provided for any private provider's inspection to specify whether it will be conducted virtually or in person.• Authorizes the use of automated or software-based systems by private providers for single-trade plans review.			

- Establishes a requirement for affidavit from private providers detailing the review process and compliance, including explicit mention of any automated systems used.
- Mandates the local building official to respond to permit requests within specific timeframes: 20 business days generally, and 5 business days for single-trade plans reviews related to single-family or two-family dwellings.
- Details the procedure if local building officials provide non-compliance notice: additional timelines and processes for addressing the cited deficiencies.
- Allows for virtual or in-person performance of inspections by private providers.
- Reenacts various statutory sections to incorporate these amendments, ensuring coherence and enforcement across related legal areas.

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; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay

03/18/25 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/18/25 SENATE Now in Regulated Industries

HB 1137	Preemption Over Utility Service Restrictions	Shoaf	04/01/25	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.

(S: 1002)
(C: 1523
1704)

- 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 Nays

03/13/25 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

03/28/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee,
04/01/25, 8:00 am, 17 H

04/01/25 HOUSE Favorable by Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 1 Nay

04/01/25 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

HB 1159

Agriculture

Abbott

02/27/25

03/03/25
02:09PM

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.

(C: 651 700)

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

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.

- 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.

(C: 1075
1125 1264
1397 1532
1662 1694)

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

Creates new laws against mail theft and related offenses in Florida.

- 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.

(C: 651 700)

Effective Date: 10/1/2025

02/25/25 SENATE Filed

HB 1201	Requirements for Battery Manufacturers	Gentry	03/05/25	02/26/25 04:36PM
Amends a Florida statute to introduce new requirements and definitions concerning the sale of products powered by specific types of batteries.				
(S: 800)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redefines paragraphs within Section 403.7192, Florida Statutes, and adds new definitions for "lithium battery", "medium-format battery", "portable battery", and "primary battery".			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prohibits the sale or offer for sale of consumer and nonconsumer products powered by lithium, medium-format, portable, primary, or rechargeable batteries unless:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consumer product batteries are easily removable by the consumer or housed in a separate, easily removable battery pack.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nonconsumer product batteries are removable or contained in a separate battery pack.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Products or batteries are labeled with recycling symbols and chemical composition indicators.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
(C: 368 983 1118)	Revises Florida's land use and development regulations, specifically concerning agricultural enclaves, comprehensive plans, and amendments related to zoning and development.			
	<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.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminates the presumption of urban sprawl for enclave expansion, streamlining enclave development approval.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandates that certain developments be treated as conforming uses, bypassing local comprehensive plans and zoning restrictions.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prohibits local governments from enforcing regulations on agricultural enclaves that are more restrictive than those imposed on similar applications.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	03/25/25	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.

(I: 1574)

- 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.

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

03/21/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee,
03/25/25, 9:00 am, 102 H

03/25/25 HOUSE Favorable by Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 1 Nay

03/25/25 HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee

SB 1264

Rural and Urban Business Enterprises

Collins

04/02/25

03/03/25
02:09PM

Revises provisions relating to rural and urban business enterprises in Florida.

- Repeals statutes associated with minority business participation and planning councils.
- Adjusts responsibilities of the Department of Commerce, emphasizing rural and urban business development over minority business enterprises.
- Deletes provisions prohibiting the Department of Revenue from issuing temporary tax exemption certificates.
- Modifies eligibility requirements for various business-related programs to focus on rural and urban areas rather than minority status.
- Renames the Office of Supplier Diversity to the Office of Supplier Development, shifting focus from minority businesses to rural or urban businesses.
- Amends regional and state planning criteria, centering on transportation infrastructure and development compatibility with local plans.
- Establishes tax credits for private investment in rural or urban business enterprises.
- Redefines various terms related to business enterprises, focusing on rural or urban criteria instead of minority status.

(C: 753 896
1125 1185
1532 1694)

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

03/26/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 03/31/25, 1:30 pm,
110 S

03/31/25 SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 7 Yeas, 2 Nays

04/02/25 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

04/02/25 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact
Conference, 04/04/25, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

HB 1269

Electric Vehicle Battery Management

Mayfield

03/05/25

02/26/25
11:12PM

(S: 1630)

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	03/19/25	02/26/25 04:21PM
(S: 707) (C: 740)	<p>Amends Florida statutes to update construction and building regulations, focusing on areas of certification, internship programs, and permitting responsibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

03/19/25 SENATE Favorable by Regulated Industries; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/19/25 SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

SB 1304	Solar Facilities	Bradley	03/21/25	02/26/25 04:20PM
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Amends Florida statutes to enhance the decommissioning requirements for solar facilities on agricultural land.

- Revises legislative intent to ensure agricultural land used for solar facilities can be reverted to its original state and remain viable for agricultural use post-decommissioning.
- Defines 'agricultural land,' 'decommissioned,' and 'solar facility' with specific characteristics and conditions.
- Authorizes counties to adopt ordinances mandating proper decommissioning of solar facilities over 2 megawatts at end of their productive lifespan.
- Enables counties to presume a facility has ended its useful life if it stops power production for 12 months or is considered abandoned, with provisions for these assumptions to be contested by the facility owner.
- Allows counties to require financial assurances and periodic updates from owners to cover decommissioning costs, and to take action to ensure decommissioning if owners fail to comply.
- Removes certain exemptions and permissions regarding solar facility installations on agricultural land and zoning districts.
- Excludes any solar facility site submitted for construction application to a local government prior to July 1, 2025, from the revised regulations.

(S: 1595)

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

03/19/25 SENATE Favorable with CS by Regulated Industries; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

HB 1397

Transportation

Abbott

04/02/25

03/03/25
02:09PM

Enhances Florida's transportation infrastructure and workforce development through various amendments and new provisions.

- Authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to appoint key officers, including an Executive Director of Transportation Technology, with all maintaining Senior Management Service status.
- Establishes the Florida Transportation Research Institute, involving multiple universities, to drive innovation and supports workforce development, grant awards, and annual performance reporting.
- Requires at least three members of the Florida Transportation Commission to have expertise in specific industries and mandates the commission to monitor certain transit entities and adhere to public officer conduct standards.
- Expands eligible funding projects under the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program to include spaceport-related projects and commercial shipbuilding.
- Amends definitions and requirements across several statutes, including those related to airports, touching on aspects like state emergency support, annual maintenance reporting, and funding for specific projects.
- Introduces requirements for airports to submit comprehensive infrastructure maintenance reports and for some airports to obtain certification.
- Revises conditions under which the Department of Transportation may modify or revoke a permit for connection to state highways.
- Increases funding allocations for the Small County Road Assistance Program and revises the definition of "small county."
- Introduces the Florida Transportation Academy for transportation workforce development and streamlines certain transportation-related business development programs.
- Removes and amends specific statutory sections and terms to update and streamline transportation-related regulations statewide.

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03/25/25, 9:00 am, 102 H - PCS

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03/27/25 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee

03/31/25 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee, 04/02/25, 1:30 pm, 314 H

04/02/25 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 4 Nays

SB 1452	Department of Business and Professional Regulation	Truenow	03/06/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
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Reforms various elements of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), including repealing sections, revising licensing requirements, and renaming councils.

- 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.

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HB 1461	Department of Business and Professional Regulation	Yarkosky	03/05/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
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(I: 1452) 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:

- 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.

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SB 1474	Private Provider Building Inspection Services	DiCeglie	03/06/25	03/15/25 02:23PM
(S: 695)	<p>Facilitates the employment of private providers for building inspection and plan review services by altering various statutes and regulations.</p> <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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HB 1523

Utility Services

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

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03/14/25 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

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03/19/25 HOUSE Favorable by Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 1532	Executive Branch	McClain	03/06/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
(C: 1125 1185 1264 1694)	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.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Repeals several sections promoting minority business participation, revising definitions including the term "minority business enterprise."			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alters existing reporting and policy requirements to remove references to affirmative action and minority participation goals.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduces new provisions for surviving dependent children of certain officers, permitting continued insurance coverage under state plans.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deletes requirements for the development of selected programs related to state employee positions.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Modifies procurement processes, emphasizing open competition without mandating preferences for minority businesses.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishes a "prohibited vendor list" preventing certain entities from contracting with public entities if involved in public entity crimes, discrimination, or other specific offenses.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provides for significant changes to competitive bid evaluation, prioritizing Florida-based businesses and U.S.-based businesses in procurements.			
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HB 1595	Solar Facilities	Koster	04/01/25	02/28/25 11:42PM
(S: 1304)	Revises provisions related to the decommissioning of solar facilities on agricultural lands in Florida.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Redefines legislative intent to ensure agricultural land used for solar facilities is returned to a viable agricultural state post-decommissioning.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adds and defines the terms "agricultural land" and "decommissioned" to clarify the scope and expectations for solar facility construction and dismantling.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Allows counties to mandate decommissioning of solar facilities when they reach the end of their useful life, with specific conditions under which a facility is presumed to have ended its useful service.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Permits solar facility owners to present a plan to rebut the presumption of a facility's end of life.			

- Enables counties to require financial assurances from facility owners for decommissioning costs and to request updates on these costs every five years.
- Grants counties authority to enforce decommissioning if the solar facility owner fails to meet requirements, providing them time frames for starting and completing decommissioning.
- Specifies the non-applicability of certain sections to facilities proposed before specific historical dates, with different cut-off dates for different subsections.
- Amends related cross-references for the consistent application of new rules within the existing regulatory framework.

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SB 1662	Transportation	Collins	03/26/25	03/03/25 02:09PM
(S: 1397) (C: 567 1125 1185 1694)	<p>Streamlines and revises transportation-related regulations and organizational structures in Florida.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to designate three assistant secretaries with specified roles and appoint an Executive Director of Transportation Technology; both positions are exempt from typical career service and included in the Senior Management Service. • Modifies career and contract requirements across various subdivisions involving public airports, spaceport projects, and marine resources, enhancing operational flexibility and fiscal oversight. • Establishes the Florida Transportation Research Institute, focusing on transport-related innovation and workforce development; requires it to provide annual performance reports. • Adjusts the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program to include spaceport and commercial shipbuilding projects for grant eligibility. • Increases the membership of the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council from 17 to 18, adding more geographic representation. • Amends procedures for acquiring certificates for private airports, especially those of public interest, to ensure operational compliance by a specified date. • Repeals several statutes related to disadvantaged business enterprise incentives in contracting, reflecting a shift in policy focus. 			

- Prohibits camping on parts of the State Highway System and establishes new parameters for utility use in state transportation areas.
- Allows the Department of Transportation to negotiate leases for wireless communications facilities on state-owned properties not acquired for transportation purposes.

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SB 1694	Prohibited Preferences in Government Contracting	Fine	03/25/25	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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03/18/25 SENATE Not Considered by Governmental Oversight and Accountability

03/20/25 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 03/25/25, 1:30 pm, 110 S

03/25/25 SENATE Not Considered by Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SB 1704	Utility Services	Calatayud	03/07/25	02/28/25 11:17AM
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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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