

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to building construction standards;
 3 amending s. 553.842, F.S.; requiring the Florida
 4 Building Commission to approve a specified evaluation
 5 entity for product evaluation and approval; providing
 6 an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section
 11 553.842, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 553.842 Product evaluation and approval.—

13 (8) The commission may adopt rules to approve the
 14 following types of entities that produce information on which
 15 product approvals are based. All of the following entities,
 16 including engineers and architects, must comply with a
 17 nationally recognized standard demonstrating independence or no
 18 conflict of interest:

19 (a) Evaluation entities approved under ~~pursuant to~~ this
 20 paragraph. The commission shall specifically approve the
 21 National Evaluation Service, the International Association of
 22 Plumbing and Mechanical Officials Evaluation Service, the
 23 International Code Council Evaluation Services, Underwriters
 24 Laboratories, LLC, Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc., ~~and~~ the
 25 Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance Office Product

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26 | Control Division, and NEMO ETC, LLC. Architects and engineers
27 | licensed in this state are also approved to conduct product
28 | evaluations as provided in subsection (5).

29 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.