# **Fire Safety Legislative Update**

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# HB 0087 Relating to Construction Defect Claims

Passidomo

Construction Defect Claims: Revises definition of term "completion of building or improvement"; provides additional requirements for notice of claim; revises requirements for response; revises provisions relating to production of certain records; provides for sanctions for unsupported claims under certain circumstances. Effective Date: October 1, 2015

3/10/2015 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Business & Professions Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay

3/11/2015 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

3/12/2015 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

# SB 0418 Relating to Construction Defect Claims

Richter

Construction Defect Claims:Providing additional requirements for a notice of claim; providing that actions making claims for certain previously resolved claims be deemed frivolous; providing for sanctions for such frivolous claims; providing for sanctions for claims that were solely the fault of the claimant or its agents, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2015

1/21/2015 SENATE Filed

1/28/2015 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Banking and Insurance; Fiscal Policy

#### **HB 0501** Relating to Limitation of Actions

Fant

Limitation of Actions: Reduces period during which action must be brought for latent defect in design, planning, or construction of improvement to real property; provides applicability. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

2/17/2015 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 7 Yeas, 6 Yeas

2/25/2015 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

2/26/2015 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

#### HB 0569 Relating to Agritourism

Combee

Agritourism: Prohibits local governments from enforcing local ordinances, regulations, rules, or policies that prohibit, restrict, regulate, or otherwise limit agritourism activities on land classified as agricultural land. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

3/17/2015 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 03/19/15, 12:30 pm, 17 H

3/19/2015 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

3/19/2015 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

#### SB 0594 Relating to Agritourism

Stargel

Agritourism; Prohibiting a local government from enforcing an ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

3/9/2015 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/12/15, 9:00 am, 110 S

3/12/2015 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays 3/12/2015 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

# HB 0915 Relating to Building Codes

Eagle

Building Codes: Revises requirements for building code inspector, plans examiner, & building code administrator training programs & exams; revises provisions regarding provisional certificates for building code inspectors & plans examiners; revises provisions for making claims against the Florida Homeowners' Construction Recovery Fund; revises provisions regarding DOH authority to inspect certain public pools; exempts low voltage landscape lighting from certain contractor installation requirements; specifies duties of local enforcement agency in permitting & inspecting certain repairs; directs certain funds from Florida Building Code Compliance & Mitigation Program; requires permitted installation or replacement of water heaters to include water-leak detection devices; authorizes local building official to issue phased permits for construction part of building; revises provisions related to Building Code Compliance & Mitigation Program & accreditation of courses related to code; authorizes Underwriters Laboratories, LLC, as approved evaluation entity. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

3/19/2015 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

3/20/2015 HOUSE References to Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, Health & Human Services Committee removed; References to Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, Regulatory Affairs Committee added; Remaining references: Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, Regulatory

Affairs Committee

3/20/2015 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee

# HB 1013 Relating to Maximum Reimbursement Allowances for Workers' Compensation Medical Services

Hager

Maximum Reimbursement Allowances for Workers' Compensation Medical Services: Revises process for establishing schedules of maximum reimbursement allowances; provides that adoption of schedules of maximum reimbursement allowances is subject to administrative proceedings & judicial review. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

3/18/2015 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay

3/19/2015 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

3/20/2015 HOUSE Now in Regulatory Affairs Committee

## HB 1025 Relating to Firesafety for Agricultural Buildings

Raburn

Firesafety for Agricultural Buildings: Exempts certain nonresidential farm buildings from Florida Fire Prevention Code; exempts agricultural pole barns from Florida Fire Prevention Code; authorizes local fire officials to consider specific chapters of Florida Fire Prevention Code to find alternative low-cost reasonable options for firesafety for certain buildings. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

3/16/2015 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Insurance & Banking Subcommittee, 03/18/15, 8:00 am, 404 H

3/18/2015 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Insurance & Banking Subcommittee: 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

3/20/2015 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

## SB 1060 Relating to Legislative Ratification

Simmons

Legislative Ratification; Providing that the maximum reimbursement allowances and manuals approved by a three-member panel for purposes of the Workers' Compensation Law are exempt from legislative ratification under the Administrative Procedure Act if the adverse impact or regulatory costs of such allowances or manuals exceed specified criteria, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

3/11/2015 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

3/12/2015 SENATE Now in Fiscal Policy

3/23/2015 SENATE On Committee agenda - Fiscal Policy, 03/26/15, 9:00 am, 412 K

#### SB 1148 Relating to Firesafety

Stargel

Firesafety; Exempting nonresidential farm buildings, rather than specified structures located on agricultural property, from the Florida Fire Prevention Code under specified circumstances; requiring the State Fire Marshal to conduct a study addressing certain secondary uses of nonresidential farm buildings; authorizing a local fire official to consider a specified publication when identifying an alternative to a firesafety code, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

3/12/2015 SENATE On Committee agenda - Banking and Insurance, 03/17/15, 9:00 am, 110 S

3/17/2015 SENATE Favorable by Banking and Insurance; 8 Yeas, 2 Nays

3/17/2015 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

#### SB 1158 Relating to Limitation of Actions

Stargel

Limitation Of Actions; Reducing the period during which an action must be brought for a latent defect in the design, planning, or construction of an improvement to real property, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

2/23/2015 SENATE Filed

2/27/2015 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Regulated Industries; Rules

# SB 1232 Relating to Building Codes

Simpson

Building Codes; Requiring the Department of Health to conduct inspections of certain public pools with operating permits to ensure continued compliance with specified criteria; specifying that the department may close certain public pools or deny, suspend, or revoke operating permits for such pools if the Florida Building Code is violated; requiring local enforcing agencies to permit and inspect modifications and repairs made to certain public pools and public bathing places as a result of the department's inspections, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

2/24/2015 SENATE Filed

2/27/2015 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Community Affairs; Fiscal Policy

3/18/2015 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 03/23/15, 1:30 pm, 412 K

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