

***Section-by-Section Summary of 2016 Building Code Bill—HB 535 by Eagle/SB 704 by Hutson
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Section 1—Revamps training, cross-training and experience requirements for plans examiners and building inspectors to help address qualified workforce shortfall;

Section 2—Authorizes apartment maintenance employee employed by apartment management associations with 100 or more units to make minor repairs to water heaters and HVAC units under certain conditions;

Section 3—Authorizes a propane gas contractor to connect & disconnect water lines to a hot water heater;

Sections 4-8—Adds claims against Division II contractors to the Homeowner’s Construction Recovery Fund eligibility and caps maximum payment from fund for Division II claim at \$15K, with an aggregate cap for each Division II licensee at \$150K;

Section 9—Exempts certain low voltage landscape lighting installation from licensure requirements;

Section 10—Defines “temporary pool” with regards to public pool regulation;

Section 11—Defines “portable pool” with regards to public pool regulation and specifies that “temporary pools” and “portable pools” may not be regulated as public pools;

Section 12 & 13—Specifies permitting and enforcement for “temporary” and “portable” pools;

Section 14—Authorizes new swimming pool alarm as a method for demonstrating safety features in residential swimming pools;

Section 15—Adds a representative from the Pensacola Pen Wheels Inc. Employ the Handicapped Council to the Accessibility Advisory Council;

Section 16—Authorizes \$30K expenditure from the Building Code Compliance & Mitigation Program to fund the Building Code System Uniform Implementation Evaluation Workgroup and authorizes \$15K to fund non-binding interpretations of the Florida Fire Prevention Code;

Section 17 (11)—Allows joint meetings between local building code and fire code appeals boards with certain stipulations and authorizes the combined board to make modifications or grant alternatives;

Section 17 (15)—Clarifies when mechanical equipment on a rooftop (during reroofing) must be installed in accordance with the Florida Building Code;

Section 17 (19)—Clarifies that two fire service access elevators are required in high-rise facilities and allows for certain design trade-offs relative to corridor width, pressurization, floor-to-floor smoke control, and fire and smoke-rated openings; also specifies requirements for location and design of standpipes consistent with the Florida Fire Prevention Code and NFPA 14;