

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 110, 1st. Eng.

INTRODUCER: Fiscal Policy Committee and Senator Simon

SUBJECT: Rural Communities

DATE: April 28, 2025

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 605877 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 605877 is the full substance of the linked House bill, CS/CS/HB 991. The amendment includes the provisions of CS/SB 110 relating only to the Department of Commerce and the FDOT but excludes the appropriations and the redirect of documentary stamp revenues and title fee revenues to the FDOT for the FARM and SCRAP programs.

The amendment includes various provisions not included in SB 110 relating to community redevelopment agencies (CRAs), building permits, and professional licensure regulation.

Regarding CRAs, the amendment prohibits the creation of new CRAs on or after July 1, 2025, and requires existing CRAs to terminate on the earlier of the date provided in the CRAs charter or on September 30, 2045, whichever date is earlier, with no allowable extensions.

Regarding building permits, the amendment:

- Prohibits local governments from requiring building permits for certain projects on single family parcels, such as for playgrounds, fences, or irrigation systems, and for any project costing less than \$7,500, excluding electrical, plumbing, and structural work.
- Prohibits local governments from denying the issuance of a building permit to repair single family residential structures damaged by a natural disaster if such work is completed within one year of the disaster and does not cost more than 50 percent of the value of the structure or alter the footprint of the structure.
- Requires DBPR to recommend a uniform permit application form and a uniform process for video inspections.

Regarding professions, the amendment:

- Repeals a number of boards, commissions, and councils within the DBPR and DACS, and shifts the authority for such boards, commissions, and councils to DBPR and DACS, as appropriate.

- Repeals provisions requiring continuing education for various professions and occupations licensed by DBPR and DACS.
- Removes licensure requirements for secondary license types for various licenses issued by DACS.
- Expands jurisdiction of the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (ABT) within DBPR and authorizes ABT to assist DACS in enforcing the distribution and retail sale of consumable hemp.
- Allows DBPR's Division of Hotel and Restaurants to discipline a public food establishment or public lodging establishing for violation of Florida's hemp laws.
- Allows DBPR to approve engineers and architects licensed outside the country for licensure by endorsement.
- Provides for the licensure, operation, and inspection of mobile barbershops.
- Revises requirements for licensure of certified public accountants.
- Requires background checks for a wide range of persons associated with insurers or insurance-related entities, including officers, employees, contractors, or persons who control operations.
- Revises provisions pertaining to veterinary telehealth prescriptions.
- Requires DBPR to annually e-mail to each person licensed by DBPR a summary of changes to existing law relating to each business and profession and the effective date of each change.

The amendment changes the title of the bill from "Rural Communities" to "Community and Economic Development."