PROPOSAL TO THE 7th EDITION OF FLORIDA FIRE PREVENTION CODE

PART I

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Please review the evaluation criteria (Part II) and Fiscal Impact Statement before completing this proposal.
A separate submittal is required for each proposed amendment.

Type or print legibly in black ink.

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Organization Represented (if any)

Local Ordinance No. Jurisdiction Section/Paragraph

NFPA Standard No. and edition year 101 2015 Section/Paragraph 22.7.2 / 23.7.2

Indicate One (Designate by “X” at the end of the line):
1. □Revise section to read:  X  3. □Delete section without substitution:
2. □Add new section to read:  4. □Delete section and substitute the following:

Proposal (underline proposed new wording or strike-through the wording to be deleted):

Combustible Personal Property. NFPA 101-22.7.2 Books, clothing, and other combustible personal property allowed in sleeping rooms shall be stored in closable metal lockers or an approved fire-resistant container. This does not apply to one and two occupant rooms equipped with an approved fire sprinkler system in which storage container shall be no larger than 3 cubic feet per person.

Statement of Problem and Substitution for Proposal (Note: State the problem that will be resolved by your recommendation; give the specific reason for your comment including copies of tests, research papers, fire experience, etc. If more than 200 words provide an abstract and describe the source document.) (Must be filled in to be considered):

The Florida Department of Corrections is currently using metal foot lockers or metal drawer type lockers for storage of property. These lockers are presenting a dangerous situation for several reasons. We are increasingly finding homemade weapons created from these metal lockers. Most recently a homemade weapon made from a locker was determined to have been used to critically injure one of our security officers who required life flight in order to save his life. Metal lockers are being thrown at officers and other inmates as missile type weapons. To alleviate the situation, we tried bolting these lockers to the floor, which created another dangerous condition as the inmates could now use these lockers as a tool for bashing heads against without any movement of the locker. The lockers have sharp, pointy edges causing great bodily harm to the individual. Metal lockers are also being used to block egress during disturbances causing a fire hazard due to the weight of these lockers. Additionally individuals with mental health issues are using the metal lockers for self harm tools.

We have been researching lockers to meet this code and have not been able to find any that would meet it and also alleviate the danger to our staff.

Signature (Required) Patricia Perkins  Printed Name

To be considered, proposals must be received by July 1, 2019

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PART II

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The base codes for the Florida Fire Prevention Code shall be NFPA-1, 2018 and NFPA-101, 2018

| IMPACT (select one) | STATEWIDE: | COUNTY: | CITY: |

Describe the geographical area of impact:

1. The proposal shall identify the code section or local ordinance to be modified.
2. The proposal (Part I and Part II) along with Financial Impact Statement may be submitted electronically; however, a hard copy is required as follow-up.

Submit this evaluation with each proposed amendment.

1. How does the proposal strengthen the base code to enhance safety in Florida?
   2015 NFPA 101 - 1.1.5 Considerations Not Related to fire. The Code also addresses other considerations that, while important in fire conditions, provide an ongoing benefit in other conditions of use, including non-fire emergencies, such as: The code would be enhanced based on the safety of the staff in-charge of care of detainees along with the detainees themselves. Due to the ability to obtain an option more suitable to the detention environment with a product which would be more difficult to use as a tool or weapon.

2. Is the proposal easy to understand and how does it contribute to a user-friendly code?
   The proposed code continues to be very user friendly and easy to follow.

3. Document the proposal’s technical merit and how it is supported by a scientific basis?
   The intent of this code is to prevent flashover based on A.22.7.4. The probability of a flashover in a one or two man room with a fire sprinkler system is remote.

4. Describe how will the proposal be enforceable?
   The proposal would be enforced by periodic random safety inspections which are conducted routinely.

5. How does the proposal affect Florida’s diverse conditions such as climate, construction and population?
   This proposal affect the population by making the environment safer in all detention type facilities.
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Fiscal Impact Statement

Provide the estimated cost of the proposed amendment to the Florida Fire Prevention Code for each of the following questions. Cost data should be accompanied by a list of assumptions and support documentation.

1. Will the proposed amendment have an impact on the local entity relative to the implementation and enforcement of the proposed amendment?
   
   ___ None
   ___ Minimal, Provide a brief explanation:

   ___ Other, Provide an explanation for estimate and methodology used:
   The cost of alternative storage for these areas would be a substantial cost saving for detention facilities. The cost of a different product has the potential to be far less costly than the metal lockers (metal footlocker cost approximately $110.00 each while vinyl storage bag cost approximately $12.00 each).

2. Will the proposed amendment have an impact on the business/property owner relative to the cost of compliance with the proposed amendment?
   
   ___ None
   ___ Minimal, Provide a brief explanation:

   ___ Other, Provide an explanation for estimate and methodology used:
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3. Will the proposed amendment have an impact on small counties or small cities?
   (A "small city" is defined by section 120.52, F.S., as any municipality that has an un-incarcerated population of 10,000 or less according to the most recent decennial census. A "small county" is defined by section 120.52, F.S., as any county that has an un-incarcerated population of 75,000 or less according to the most recent decennial census.)
   
   ___ No adverse impact on small cities or small counties
   ___ Minimal, Provide a brief explanation:

   ___ Other, Provide an explanation for estimate and methodology used:
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Provide a good faith estimate of the number and types of affected persons/entities:

(1) The number of individuals and entities likely to be required to comply with the rule: approximately a quarter of a million people between residents and staff in 387 facilities.

(2) A general description of the types of individuals likely to be affected by the rule: staff and residents in detention facilities and mental health facilities.