

**New Amendments Made to Building Standards to
Prevent Imposing Retroactive Permitting Requirements**

[House Bill 89](#) amends section 553.79, Florida Statutes, to prohibit local enforcing agencies from making substantive changes to plans after a permit has been issued except changes in compliance with the Florida Building Code, Fire Prevention Code, or the Life Safety Code.

A plans examiner who fails to provide the building code administrator with the reasons for requiring substantive changes is subject to disciplinary action against his or her certificate. Enforcement agencies must identify specific noncomplying plan features to other local enforcing agencies if they seek to make a substantive change after a permit has been issued. Failure to provide reasons for requiring substantive changes to plans renders plans examiners or local fire officials subject to disciplinary action against his or her certificate.

HB 89 was signed into law and became effective on July 1, 2023.