

By Senator Leek

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to unlawful demolition of historical buildings and structures; amending s. 162.09, F.S.; authorizing a code enforcement board or special magistrate to impose a fine that exceeds certain limits for the unlawful demolition of certain historical buildings or structures under certain circumstances; providing that such fine may not exceed a certain percentage of just market valuation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of section 162.09, Florida Statutes, to read:

162.09 Administrative fines; costs of repair; liens.—
(2)

(e) For the demolition of a building or structure that is individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places as defined in s. 267.021 or is a contributing resource to a National Register-listed district, a code enforcement board or special magistrate may impose a fine that exceeds the limits of this subsection if the code enforcement board or special magistrate finds, based on competent substantial evidence, that the demolition of the building or structure was knowing and willful and was not permitted or the result of a natural disaster. A fine imposed pursuant to this paragraph may not exceed 20 percent of the fair or just market valuation of the property before demolition of the building or structure, as

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30 determined by the property appraiser.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.