

2000 SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 120

CHAPTER LAWS: 2000-141, 2000-151, 2000-158, 2000-160, 2000-214, 2000-304, 2000-305, 2000-306, 2000-312, 2000-355, 2000-367, 2000-371

Chapter 2000-141, Laws of Florida, added a new subsection to §120.80, F.S., providing that notwithstanding §120.542, the Florida Building Commission may not accept a petition for waiver or variance, or grant a waiver or variance, from the Florida Building Code. The law directs the Florida Building Commission to establish criteria and procedures for alternative means of compliance with the Code.

Chapter 2000-304, Laws of Florida, added a new subsection to §120.80, F.S., exempting the Department of Environmental Protection from adopting the lowest regulatory cost alternative for citrus juice processing facilities under §403.08725 if such adoption would prevent the Department from implementing federal requirements.

Chapters 2000-312 and 2000-355, Laws of Florida, added §120.80(14)(b)6., F.S., to provide that in §120.68 review of final agency action concerning a tax assessment or denial of refund under chapter 212, F.S., if the court finds that the Department of Revenue improperly rejected or modified a conclusion of law, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable costs of the appeal to the prevailing appellant.

Chapter 2000-367, Laws of Florida, amended §120.80(15), F.S., to add the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program to those identified programs within the Department of Health for which hearings need not be conducted by an administrative law judge.

Chapter 2000-371, Laws of Florida, deleted the final sentence of §120.65(2), F.S., which provided that the failure of the Executive Office of the Governor to act on a request for action by the Director of the Division of Administrative Hearings within 21 days of its receipt constituted approval of the request.

Chapters 2000-151, 2000-158, 2000-160, 2000-214, 2000-305 and 2000-336, Laws of Florida, updated cross references to other provisions of the Florida Statutes, deleted provisions that had become obsolete, clarified dates to simplify interpretation, and changed agency names to conform to amendments made to other legislation.