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The Committee on General Government Appropriations (Baker) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 451 - 1016

and insert:

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requirements for contractors can be obtained online at www.myflorida.com/dbpr/pro/cilb.

(2)(a) If the contract is written, the notice must be in the contract document. If the contract is oral or implied, the notice must be provided in a document referencing the contract.

10 <u>(3) (b)</u> The failure to provide such written notice does not 11 bar the enforcement of a lien against a person who has not been 12 adversely affected.

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13	(4) (c) This section may not be construed to adversely
14	affect the lien and bond rights of lienors who are not in
15	privity with the owner. This section does not apply when the
16	owner is a contractor licensed under chapter 489 or is a person
17	who created parcels or offers parcels for sale or lease in the
18	ordinary course of business.
19	Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
20	713.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
21	713.06 Liens of persons not in privity; proper payments
22	(2)
23	(c) The notice may be in substantially the following form
24	and must include the information and the warning contained in
25	the following form:
26	
27	WARNING! FLORIDA'S CONSTRUCTION LIEN LAW ALLOWS SOME
28	UNPAID CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND MATERIAL
29	SUPPLIERS TO FILE LIENS AGAINST YOUR PROPERTY EVEN IF
30	YOU HAVE MADE PAYMENT IN FULL.
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32	UNDER FLORIDA LAW, YOUR FAILURE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PAID
33	MAY RESULT IN A LIEN AGAINST YOUR PROPERTY AND YOUR PAYING
34	TWICE.
35	TO PROTECT YOURSELF, EACH TIME YOU MAKE A PAYMENT TO THE
36	CONTRACTOR ASK YOUR CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A WRITTEN
37	WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIEN FROM US. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,
38	REFER TO THE GENERAL STATEMENT OF OWNER'S RIGHTS AND
39	RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO YOU BY OUR CONTRACTOR AT
40	THE BEGINNING OF YOUR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. AVOID A LIEN AND
41	PAYING TWICE, YOU MUST OBTAIN A WRITTEN RELEASE FROM US EVERY

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42	TIME YOU PAY YOUR CONTRACTOR.
43	NOTICE TO OWNER
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45	To (Owner's name and address)
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47	The undersigned hereby informs you that he or she has furnished
48	or is furnishing services or materials as follows:
49	(General description of services or materials) for the
50	improvement of the real property identified as(property
51	description) under an order given by
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53	Florida law prescribes the serving of this notice and restricts
54	your right to make payments under your contract in accordance
55	with Section 713.06, Florida Statutes.
56	IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR
57	YOUR PROTECTION
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59	Under Florida's laws, those who work on your property or
60	provide materials and are not paid have a right to enforce their
61	claim for payment against your property. This claim is known as
62	a construction lien.
63	If your contractor fails to pay subcontractors or material
64	suppliers or neglects to make other legally required payments,
65	the people who are owed money may look to your property for
66	payment, EVEN IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR CONTRACTOR IN FULL.
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68	PROTECT YOURSELF:
69	-RECOGNIZE that this Notice to Owner may result in a lien
70	against your property unless all those supplying a Notice to



71	Owner have been paid.
72	-LEARN more about the Construction Lien Law, Chapter 713,
73	Part I, Florida Statutes, and the meaning of this notice by
74	contacting an attorney or the Florida Department of Business and
75	Professional Regulation.
76	(Lienor's Signature)
77	(Lienor's Name)
78	(Lienor's Address)
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80	Copies to:(Those persons listed in Section 713.06(2)(a) and
81	(b), Florida Statutes)
82	The form may be combined with a notice to contractor given under
83	s. 255.05 or s. 713.23 and, if so, may be entitled "NOTICE TO
84	OWNER/NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR."
85	Section 4. Section 713.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to
86	read:
87	713.13 Notice of commencement
88	(1)(a) Except for an improvement that is exempt pursuant to
89	s. 713.02(5), an owner or the owner's authorized agent before
90	actually commencing to improve any real property, or
91	recommencing completion of any improvement after default or
92	abandonment, whether or not a project has a payment bond
93	complying with s. 713.23, shall record a notice of commencement
94	in the clerk's office and forthwith post either a certified copy
95	thereof or a notarized statement that the notice of commencement
96	has been filed for recording along with a copy thereof. The
97	notice of commencement shall contain the following information:
98	1. A description sufficient for identification of the real
99	property to be improved. The description should include the

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100 legal description of the property and also should include the 101 street address and tax folio number of the property if available 102 or, if there is no street address available, such additional 103 information as will describe the physical location of the real 104 property to be improved.

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2. A general description of the improvement.

106 3. The name and address of the owner, the owner's interest 107 in the site of the improvement, and the name and address of the 108 fee simple titleholder, if other than such owner.

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4. The name and address of the contractor.

110 5. The name and address of the surety on the payment bond 111 under s. 713.23, if any, and the amount of such bond.

112 6. The name and address of any person making a loan for the113 construction of the improvements.

114 7. The name and address within the state of a person other 115 than himself or herself who may be designated by the owner as 116 the person upon whom notices or other documents may be served 117 under this part; and service upon the person so designated 118 constitutes service upon the owner.

(b) The owner, at his or her option, may designate a person in addition to himself or herself to receive a copy of the lienor's notice as provided in s. 713.06(2)(b), and if he or she does so, the name and address of such person must be included in the notice of commencement.

(c) If the contract between the owner and a contractor named in the notice of commencement expresses a period of time for completion for the construction of the improvement greater than 1 year, the notice of commencement must state that it is effective for a period of 1 year plus any additional period of

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129	time. Any payments made by the owner after the expiration of the
130	notice of commencement are considered improper payments.
131	(d) A notice of commencement must be in substantially the
132	following form:
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134	Permit No Tax Folio No
135	NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT
136	State of
137	County of
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139	The undersigned hereby gives notice that improvement will be
140	made to certain real property, and in accordance with Chapter
141	713, Florida Statutes, the following information is provided in
142	this Notice of Commencement.
143	1. Description of property:(legal description of the
144	property, and street address if available)
145	2. General description of improvement:
146	3. Owner information:
147	a. Name and address:
148	b. Interest in property:
149	c. Name and address of fee simple titleholder (if other
150	than Owner):
151	4.a. Contractor:(name and address)
152	b. Contractor's phone number:
153	5. Surety(a copy of the payment bond is attached, if the
154	project is bonded)
155	a. Name and address:
156	b. Phone number:
157	c. Amount of bond: \$

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158	6.a. Lender:(name and address)
159	b. Lender's phone number:
160	7.a. Persons within the State of Florida designated by
161	Owner upon whom notices or other documents may be served as
162	provided by Section 713.13(1)(a)7., Florida Statutes:
163	(name and address)
164	b. Phone numbers of designated persons:
165	8.a. In addition to himself or herself, Owner designates
166	of to receive a copy of the Lienor's
167	Notice as provided in Section 713.13(1)(b), Florida Statutes.
168	b. Phone number of person or entity designated by
169	owner:
170	9. Expiration date of notice of commencement (the
171	expiration date is 1 year from the date of recording unless a
172	<u>later</u> different date is specified)
173	
174	WARNING TO OWNER: IF THIS NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT WILL EXPIRE
175	BEFORE ALL WORK IS COMPLETED AND FINAL PAYMENT IS MADE, THE
176	EXPIRATION DATE MUST BE EXTENDED. ANY PAYMENTS MADE BY THE OWNER
177	AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT ARE
178	CONSIDERED IMPROPER PAYMENTS UNDER CHAPTER 713, PART I, SECTION
179	713.13, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND CAN RESULT IN YOUR PAYING TWICE
180	FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY. A NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT MUST
181	BE RECORDED AND POSTED ON THE JOB SITE BEFORE THE FIRST
182	INSPECTION. IF YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN FINANCING, CONSULT WITH YOUR
183	LENDER OR AN ATTORNEY BEFORE COMMENCING WORK OR RECORDING YOUR
184	NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT.
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186	Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read the

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187	foregoing notice of commencement and that the facts stated
188	therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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190	(Signature of Owner or Owner's Authorized
191	Officer/Director/Partner/Manager)
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193	(Signatory's Title/Office)
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195	The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this
196	day of,(year), by(name of person) as(type
197	of authority,e.g. officer, trustee, attorney in fact) for
198	(name of party on behalf of whom instrument was executed)
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200	(Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)
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202	(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary
203	Public)
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205	Personally Known OR Produced Identification
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207	Type of Identification Produced
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209	Verification pursuant to Section 92.525, Florida Statutes.
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211	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the
212	foregoing and that the facts stated in it are true to the best
213	of my knowledge and belief.
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215	(Signature of Natural Person Signing Above)

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216 (e) A copy of any payment bond must be attached at the time of recordation of the notice of commencement. The failure to 217 218 attach a copy of the bond to the notice of commencement when the 219 notice is recorded negates the exemption provided in s. 220 713.02(6). However, if a payment bond under s. 713.23 exists but 221 was not attached at the time of recordation of the notice of 222 commencement, the bond may be used to transfer any recorded lien 223 of a lienor except that of the contractor by the recordation and 224 service of a notice of bond pursuant to s. 713.23(2). The notice 225 requirements of s. 713.23 apply to any claim against the bond; 226 however, the time limits for serving any required notices shall 227 begin running from the later of the time specified in s. 713.23 228 or the date the notice of bond is served on the lienor.

(f) The giving of a notice of commencement is effectiveupon the filing of the notice in the clerk's office.

(g) The owner must sign the notice of commencement and noone else may be permitted to sign in his or her stead.

(2) If the improvement described in the notice of
 commencement is not actually commenced within 90 days after the
 recording thereof, such notice is void and of no further effect.

(3) The recording of a notice of commencement does not constitute a lien, cloud, or encumbrance on real property, but gives constructive notice that claims of lien under this part may be recorded and may take priority as provided in s. 713.07. The posting of a copy does not constitute a lien, cloud, or encumbrance on real property, nor actual or constructive notice of any of them.

(4) This section does not apply to an owner who isconstructing improvements described in s. 713.04.

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(5) (a) A notice of commencement that is recorded within the effective period may be amended to extend the effective period, change erroneous information in the original notice, or add information that was omitted from the original notice. However, in order to change contractors, a new notice of commencement or notice of recommencement must be executed and recorded.

(b) The amended notice must identify the official records book and page where the original notice of commencement is recorded, and a copy of the amended notice must be served by the owner upon the contractor and each lienor who serves notice before or within 30 days after the date the amended notice is recorded.

(6) Unless otherwise provided in the notice of commencement or a new or amended notice of commencement, a notice of commencement is not effectual in law or equity against a conveyance, transfer, or mortgage of or lien on the real property described in the notice, or against creditors or subsequent purchasers for a valuable consideration, after 1 year after the date of recording the notice of commencement.

264 (7) A lender must, prior to the disbursement of any 265 construction funds to the contractor, record the notice of 266 commencement in the clerk's office as required by this section; 267 however, the lender is not required to post a certified copy of 268 the notice at the construction site. The posting of the notice 269 at the construction site remains the owner's obligation. The 270 failure of a lender to record the notice of commencement as 271 required by this subsection renders the lender liable to the 272 owner for all damages sustained by the owner as a result of the 273 failure. Whenever a lender is required to record a notice of

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274 commencement, the lender shall designate the lender, in addition 275 to others, to receive copies of notices to owner. This 276 subsection does not give any person other than the owner a claim 277 or right of action against a lender for failure to record a 278 notice of commencement.

279 Section 5. Section 713.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to 280 read:

713.135 Notice of commencement and applicability of lien.-

(1) When any person applies for a building permit, theauthority issuing such permit shall:

(a) Require the applicant to submit the signed and dated
 general statement of an owner's rights and responsibilities
 under Florida's Construction Lien Law provided in s. 713.015 for
 any single-family or multifamily dwelling up to and including
 four units. A building permit application may not be processed
 unless the signed document is in the file.

290 (b) (a) Print on the face of each permit card in no less 291 than 14-point, capitalized, boldfaced type: "WARNING TO OWNER: 292 IF YOU FAIL YOUR FAILURE TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT, YOU 293 MAY PAY RESULT IN YOUR PAYING TWICE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR 294 PROPERTY. A NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT, AND THE CONTRACTOR'S PAYMENT BOND IF THE PROJECT IS BONDED, MUST BE RECORDED AND POSTED ON 295 296 THE JOB SITE BEFORE THE FIRST INSPECTION. IF YOU INTEND TO 297 OBTAIN FINANCING, CONSULT WITH YOUR LENDER OR AN ATTORNEY BEFORE 298 RECORDING YOUR NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT."

299 (c) (b) Make available to Provide the applicant and the 300 owner of the real property upon which improvements are to be 301 constructed copies of the general statement of an owner's rights 302 and responsibilities under Florida's with a printed statement

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303 stating that the right, title, and interest of the person who 304 has contracted for the improvement may be subject to attachment under the Construction Lien Law, as described in s. 713.015, 305 306 along with the attached statutory form. The issuing authority 307 may make the general statement and form available in printed 308 form or on the Internet or both. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall furnish, for distribution, the 309 310 statement described in this paragraph, and the statement must be a summary of the Construction Lien Law and must include an 311 explanation of the provisions of the Construction Lien Law 312 313 relating to the recording, and the posting of copies, of notices of commencement and a statement encouraging the owner to record 314 315 a notice of commencement and post a copy of the notice of 316 commencement in accordance with s. 713.13. The statement must 317 also contain an explanation of the owner's rights if a lienor 318 fails to furnish the owner with a notice as provided in s. 319 713.06(2) and an explanation of the owner's rights as provided in s. 713.22. The authority that issues the building permit must 320 321 obtain from the Department of Business and Professional 322 Regulation the statement required by this paragraph and must mail, deliver by electronic mail or other electronic format or 323 324 facsimile, or personally deliver that statement to the owner or, 325 in a case in which the owner is required to personally appear to 32.6 obtain the permit, provide that statement to any owner making 327 improvements to real property consisting of a single or multiple 328 family dwelling up to and including four units. However, the 329 failure by the authorities to provide the summary does not 330 subject the issuing authority to liability. (c) In addition to providing the owner with the statement 331

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332	as required by paragraph (b), inform each applicant who is not
333	the person whose right, title, and interest is subject to
334	attachment that, as a condition to the issuance of a building
335	permit, the applicant must promise in good faith that the
336	statement will be delivered to the person whose property is
337	subject to attachment.
338	(d) Furnish to the applicant two or more copies of a form
339	of notice of commencement conforming with s. 713.13. If the
340	direct contract is greater than \$2,500, the applicant shall file
341	with the issuing authority prior to the first inspection either
342	a certified copy of the recorded notice of commencement or a
343	notarized statement that the notice of commencement has been
344	filed for recording, along with a copy thereof. In the absence
345	of the filing of a certified copy of the recorded notice of
346	commencement, the issuing authority or a private provider
347	performing inspection services may not perform or approve
348	subsequent inspections until the applicant files by mail,
349	facsimile, hand delivery, or any other means such certified copy
350	with the issuing authority. The certified copy of the notice of
351	commencement must contain the name and address of the owner, the
352	name and address of the contractor, and the location or address
353	of the property being improved. The issuing authority shall
354	(d) Verify that the name and address of the owner, the name

355 of the contractor, and the location or address of the property 356 being improved which is contained in the certified copy of the 357 notice of commencement is consistent with the information in the 358 building permit application.

359 (e) Provide the recording information from the official
 360 public records in which the notice of commencement and payment

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361 bond, if any, are recorded to any person upon request. The issuing authority shall provide the recording information on the 362 363 certified copy of the recorded notice of commencement to any 364 person upon request. This subsection does not require the 365 recording of a notice of commencement prior to the issuance of a 366 building permit. If a local government requires a separate 367 permit or inspection for installation of temporary electrical 368 service or other temporary utility service, land clearing, or other preliminary site work, such permits may be issued and such 369 370 inspections may be conducted without providing the issuing 371 authority with a certified copy of a recorded notice of 372 commencement or a notarized statement regarding a recorded 373 notice of commencement. This subsection does not apply to a 374 direct contract to repair or replace an existing heating or air-375 conditioning system in an amount less than \$7,500.

376 <u>(f) (e)</u> Not require that a notice of commencement be 377 recorded as a condition of the application for, or processing or 378 issuance of, a building permit. However, this paragraph does not 379 modify or waive the inspection requirements set forth in this 380 subsection.

381 (g) Not require that a notice of commencement be recorded 382 or provided for those projects described in s. 713.137(2).

(2) An issuing authority under subsection (1) is not liable
in any civil action for the failure of the person whose property
is subject to attachment to receive or to be delivered <u>the</u>
general statement of an owner's rights and responsibilities
<u>under Florida's</u> a printed statement stating that the right,
title, and interest of the person who has contracted for the
improvement may be subject to attachment under the Construction

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390 Lien Law as provided in s. 713.015.

(3) An issuing authority under subsection (1) is not liable in any civil action for the failure to verify that a certified copy of the recorded notice of commencement has been filed in accordance with this section.

395 (4) The several boards of county commissioners, municipal 396 councils, or other similar bodies may by ordinance or resolution 397 establish reasonable fees for furnishing, upon request, copies 398 of the forms and the printed statement provided in paragraph (1) (a) paragraphs (1) (b) and (d) in an amount not to exceed \$5 399 400 to be paid by the applicant for each permit in addition to all 401 other costs of the permit; however, no forms or statement need 402 be furnished, mailed, or otherwise provided to, nor may such 403 additional fee be obtained from, applicants for permits in those 404 cases in which the owner of a legal or equitable interest 405 (including that of ownership of stock of a corporate landowner) 406 of the real property to be improved is engaged in the business 407 of construction of buildings for sale to others and intends to 408 make the improvements authorized by the permit on the property 409 and upon completion will offer the improved real property for 410 sale.

(5) In addition to any other information required by the authority issuing the permit, each building permit application must contain:

- 414 415
- (b) The name and address of the contractor;

(c) A description sufficient to identify the real property to be improved; and

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(d) The number or identifying symbol assigned to the

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(a) The name and address of the owner of the real property;



419	building permit by the issuing authority, which number or symbol
420	must be affixed to the application by the issuing authority.
421	(6)(a) In addition to any other information required by the
422	authority issuing the permit, the building permit application
423	must be in substantially the following form:
424	
425	Tax Folio No
426	BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION
427	
428	Owner's Name
429	Owner's Address
430	Fee Simple Titleholder's Name (If other than owner)
431	Fee Simple Titleholder's Address (If other than owner)
432	City
433	State Zip
434	Contractor's Name
435	Contractor's Address
436	City
437	State Zip
438	Job Name
439	Job Address
440	City County
441	Legal Description
442	Bonding Company
443	Bonding Company Address
444	City State
445	Architect/Engineer's Name
446	Architect/Engineer's Address
447	Mortgage Lender's Name



448	Mortgage Lender's Address
449	
450	Application is hereby made to obtain a permit to do the
451	work and installations as indicated. I certify that no work or
452	installation has commenced prior to the issuance of a permit and
453	that all work will be performed to meet the standards of all
454	laws regulating construction in this jurisdiction. I understand
455	that a separate permit must be secured for ELECTRICAL WORK,
456	PLUMBING, SIGNS, WELLS, POOLS, FURNACES, BOILERS, HEATERS,
457	TANKS, and AIR CONDITIONERS, etc.
458	
459	OWNER'S AFFIDAVIT: I certify that all the foregoing information
460	is accurate and that all work will be done in compliance with
461	all applicable laws regulating construction and zoning.
462	
463	WARNING TO OWNER: IF YOU FAIL YOUR FAILURE TO RECORD A
464	NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT, YOU MAY PAY RESULT IN YOUR
465	PAYING TWICE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY. A
466	NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT, AND THE CONTRACTOR'S PAYMENT
467	BOND IF THE PROJECT IS BONDED, MUST BE RECORDED AND
468	POSTED ON THE JOB SITE BEFORE THE FIRST INSPECTION.
469	
470	IF YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN FINANCING, CONSULT WITH YOUR
471	LENDER OR AN ATTORNEY BEFORE COMMENCING WORK OR
472	RECORDING YOUR NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT.
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474	(Signature of Owner or Agent)
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476	(including contractor)
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477	STATE OF FLORIDA
478	COUNTY OF
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480	Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this
481	day of,(year), by(name of person making
482	statement)
483	
484	(Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)
485	(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)
486	
487	Personally Known OR Produced Identification
488	
489	Type of Identification Produced
490	(Signature of Contractor)
491	
492	STATE OF FLORIDA
493	COUNTY OF
494	
495	Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this
496	day of,(year), by(name of person making
497	statement)
498	(Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)
499	(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)
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501	Personally Known OR Produced Identification
502	
503	Type of Identification Produced
504	(Certificate of Competency Holder)
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506	Contractor's State Certification or Registration No
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508	Contractor's Certificate of Competency No
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510	APPLICATION APPROVED BY
511	Permit Officer
512	(b) Consistent with the requirements of paragraph (a), an
513	authority responsible for issuing building permits under this
514	section may accept a building permit application in an
515	electronic format, as prescribed by the authority. Building
516	permit applications submitted to the authority electronically
517	must contain the following additional statement in lieu of the
518	requirement in paragraph (a) that a signed, sworn, and notarized
519	signature of the owner or agent and the contractor be part of
520	the owner's affidavit:
521	
522	OWNER'S ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION STATEMENT: Under penalty of
523	perjury, I declare that all the information contained in this
524	building permit application is true and correct.
525	(c) An authority responsible for issuing building permit
526	applications which accepts building permit applications in an
527	electronic format shall provide public Internet access to the
528	electronic building permit applications in a searchable format.
529	(7) This section applies to every municipality and county
530	in the state which now has or hereafter may have a system of
531	issuing building permits for the construction of improvements or
532	for the alteration or repair of improvements on or to real
533	property located within the geographic limits of the issuing
534	authority.



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537	And the title is amended as follows:
538	Delete lines 26 - 42
539	and insert:
540	persons not in privity with the owner; amending s.
541	713.13, F.S.; revising the form of the notice of
542	commencement; requiring the posting of a payment bond
543	on a job site; amending s. 713.135, F.S.; revising the
544	warning to the owner printed on certain permit cards;
545	deleting a requirement relating to filing a notice of
546	commencement before certain inspections; revising the
547	warning to the owner provided on a building permit
548	form; creating