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

Section 1. Section 489.1175, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

489.1175 Local licensing; portability.—
(1) As used in this section, the term:
(a) “Noncontractor job scope” means any category of work that is done to real property and that does not substantially correspond to the job scope of one of the contractor categories defined in s. 489.105(3)(a)-(o). The term includes, but is not
(b) “Local government” means a county or municipality within this state.

(c) “Local license” means a license, registration, or similar permit issued and required by a local government for a noncontractor job scope.

(2)(a) An individual who holds a valid, active local license may work within the scope of such license in any local government jurisdiction in addition to the original licensing jurisdiction without having to obtain an additional local license, take an additional local license examination, or pay an additional local license fee. This section does not affect the ability of any local government to collect business taxes, subject to s. 205.065.

(b) A licensee who works in the jurisdiction of a local government under the portability protections of this section shall provide a consumer who seeks his or her services information sufficient for the consumer to access the department’s local licensing information under subsection (4), so that the consumer may verify his or her license status in the relevant licensing jurisdiction.
(3) A local government has the same disciplinary jurisdiction over an individual operating outside his or her original licensing jurisdiction pursuant to this section as it has over its own local licensees, including, but not limited to, the authority to suspend or revoke an individual licensee’s ability to operate within its jurisdiction. A local government shall forward any disciplinary orders to an individual’s original licensing jurisdiction for further action, as appropriate. The original licensing jurisdiction may take action against a licensee for being disciplined by another local licensing jurisdiction or for violating the original licensing jurisdiction’s noncontractor job scope in another jurisdiction.

(4)(a) The department shall create and maintain an online local licensing information system whereby the public may review the licensing status of individuals holding a local license.

(b) A local government that issues a local license must provide information to the department which is necessary to maintain the local licensing information system with respect to the jurisdiction of such local government. Information provided must include at least the name, business name, address, license number, and licensing status of the local licensee. A local government may fulfill this obligation by maintaining its own website that the department may link to, or by providing the information at least monthly to the department.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.