

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 1400

SPONSOR: Senator Posey

SUBJECT: Swimming Pool/Spa Service Contractor

DATE: April 1, 2001                      REVISED: 4/5/01 \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Caldwell	Caldwell	RI	Fav/1 amendment
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**I. Summary:**

The bill provides that an applicant is eligible to take the swimming pool/spa servicing contractor's examination if the applicant has completed 60 hours of specified instruction.

This bill amends section 489.111 of the Florida Statutes.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 489.111, F.S., provides requirements a person must meet to be eligible for licensure by examination. In order for an individual to be eligible to sit for the examination for certification as a swimming pool/spa servicing contractor, the individual must meet one of the following criteria: (1) have a four year baccalaureate degree from an accredited college in the appropriate field of engineering, architecture or building construction and one year proven experience in the swimming pool/spa servicing field; (2) have a total of at least four years active experience as a worker or foreman in the swimming pool/spa servicing field; or (3) have a combination of the aforementioned work experience and education.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The proposed change to s. 489.111, F.S., provides an alternative to the existing educational work or experience requirements currently needed to sit for the examination for certification for the swimming pool/spa servicing contractor license. A person would be eligible to take the examination after having completed 60-hours of instruction in courses approved by the Construction Industry Licensing Board. Thus, an applicant may meet the alternative qualification or the current requirements to sit for the examination.

According to the DBPR, many in the industry consider this scope of work to be comparable to an entry-level position, and thus, believe that the existing eligibility requirements are too stringent. The alternative created by this bill may cause more individuals to enter this field of work.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

This bill should increase the number of licensees since eligibility requirements are lessened and individuals would be eligible to sit for the examination without having to establish more stringent educational or work experience requirements.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Rulemaking would be required by the Construction Industry Licensing Board to approve the 60-hour courses.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

Amendment #1 by Regulated Industries:

Requires the Construction Industry Licensing Board to set by rule the instruction to be taught in courses relating to swimming pool/spa construction and also adds the requirement that the applicant have at least one year of proven experience in that field.

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