

By Representative Benson

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to swimming pool/spa servicing  
3           contracting; amending s. 489.111, F.S.;  
4           providing alternative eligibility requirements  
5           to take the examination for certification as a  
6           swimming pool/spa servicing contractor;  
7           providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 489.111, Florida  
12 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5) of said section, and  
13 a new subsection (4) is added to said section to read:

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489.111 Licensure by examination.--

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(2) A person shall be eligible for licensure by  
16 examination if the person:

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(c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of  
18 the following criteria:

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1. Has received a baccalaureate degree from an  
20 accredited 4-year college in the appropriate field of  
21 engineering, architecture, or building construction and has 1  
22 year of proven experience in the category in which the person  
23 seeks to qualify. For the purpose of this part, a minimum of  
24 2,000 person-hours shall be used in determining full-time  
25 equivalency.

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2. Has a total of at least 4 years of active  
27 experience as a worker who has learned the trade by serving an  
28 apprenticeship as a skilled worker who is able to command the  
29 rate of a mechanic in the particular trade or as a foreman who  
30 is in charge of a group of workers and usually is responsible  
31 to a superintendent or a contractor or his or her equivalent,

1 provided, however, that at least 1 year of active experience  
2 shall be as a foreman.

3           3. Has a combination of not less than 1 year of  
4 experience as a foreman and not less than 3 years of credits  
5 for any accredited college-level courses; has a combination of  
6 not less than 1 year of experience as a skilled worker, 1 year  
7 of experience as a foreman, and not less than 2 years of  
8 credits for any accredited college-level courses; or has a  
9 combination of not less than 2 years of experience as a  
10 skilled worker, 1 year of experience as a foreman, and not  
11 less than 1 year of credits for any accredited college-level  
12 courses. For the number of years of credits for any accredited  
13 college-level courses, the applicant shall show completion of  
14 an equal number of courses in the appropriate field of  
15 engineering, architecture, or building construction. All  
16 junior college or community college-level courses shall be  
17 considered accredited college-level courses.

18           4.a. An active certified residential contractor is  
19 eligible to take the building contractors' examination if he  
20 or she possesses a minimum of 3 years of proven experience in  
21 the classification in which he or she is certified.

22           b. An active certified residential contractor is  
23 eligible to take the general contractors' examination if he or  
24 she possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the  
25 classification in which he or she is certified.

26           c. An active certified building contractor is eligible  
27 to take the general contractors' examination if he or she  
28 possesses a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the  
29 classification in which he or she is certified.

30           5.a. An active certified air-conditioning Class C  
31 contractor is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class B

1 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3  
2 years of proven experience in the classification in which he  
3 or she is certified.

4           b. An active certified air-conditioning Class C  
5 contractor is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class A  
6 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4  
7 years of proven experience in the classification in which he  
8 or she is certified.

9           c. An active certified air-conditioning Class B  
10 contractor is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class A  
11 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1  
12 year of proven experience in the classification in which he or  
13 she is certified.

14           6.a. An active certified swimming pool servicing  
15 contractor is eligible to take the residential swimming pool  
16 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3  
17 years of proven experience in the classification in which he  
18 or she is certified.

19           b. An active certified swimming pool servicing  
20 contractor is eligible to take the swimming pool commercial  
21 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4  
22 years of proven experience in the classification in which he  
23 or she is certified.

24           c. An active certified residential swimming pool  
25 contractor is eligible to take the commercial swimming pool  
26 contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1  
27 year of proven experience in the classification in which he or  
28 she is certified.

29           (4) Notwithstanding paragraph (2)(c), a person shall  
30 be eligible to take the examination for certification as a  
31 swimming pool/spa servicing contractor if the person has

1 completed 60 hours of instruction related to the scope of work  
2 of such a contractor, as defined in s. 489.105(3)(1), through  
3 courses approved by the board.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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7 HOUSE SUMMARY

8 Provides that a person shall be eligible to take the  
9 examination for certification as a swimming pool/spa  
10 servicing contractor if the person has completed a  
11 specified number of hours of instruction related to the  
12 scope of work of such a contractor through courses  
13 approved by the Construction Industry Licensing Board.  
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