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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Simpson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 208 and 209  
insert:

Section 4. Section 489.514, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
read:

489.514 Certification for registered contractors;  
grandfathering provisions.—

(1) The board shall, upon receipt of a completed  
application, appropriate fee, and proof of compliance with the  
provisions of this section, issue:

(a) To an applying registered electrical contractor, a



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13 certificate as an electrical contractor, as defined in s.  
14 489.505(12); ~~or~~

15 (b) To an applying registered alarm system contractor, a  
16 certificate in the matching alarm system contractor category, as  
17 defined in s. 489.505(2) (a) or (b); or

18 (c) To an applying registered electrical specialty  
19 contractor, a certificate in the matching electrical specialty  
20 contractor category, as defined in s. 489.505(19).

21 (2) Any contractor registered under this part who makes  
22 application under this section to the board shall meet each of  
23 the following requirements for certification:

24 (a) Currently holds a valid registered local license in the  
25 category of electrical contractor, alarm system contractor, or  
26 electrical specialty contractor.

27 (b) Has, for that category, passed a written, proctored  
28 examination that the board finds to be substantially similar to  
29 the examination required to be licensed as a certified  
30 contractor under this part. For purposes of this subsection, a  
31 written, proctored examination such as that produced by the  
32 National Assessment Institute, Block and Associates, NAI/Block,  
33 Experior Assessments, Professional Testing, Inc., or Assessment  
34 Systems, Inc., shall be considered to be substantially similar  
35 to the examination required to be licensed as a certified  
36 contractor. The board may not impose or make any requirements  
37 regarding the nature or content of these cited examinations.

38 (c) Has at least 5 years of experience as a contractor in  
39 that contracting category, or as an inspector or building  
40 administrator with oversight over that category, at the time of  
41 application. For contractors, only time periods in which the



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42 contractor license is active and the contractor is not on  
43 probation ~~shall~~ count toward the 5 years required under this  
44 subsection.

45 (d) Has not had his or her contractor's license revoked at  
46 any time, had his or her contractor's license suspended in the  
47 last 5 years, or been assessed a fine in excess of \$500 in the  
48 last 5 years.

49 (e) Is in compliance with the insurance and financial  
50 responsibility requirements in s. 489.515(1)(b).

51 (3) An applicant must make application by November 1, 2015  
52 ~~2004~~, to be licensed pursuant to this section.

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54 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

55 And the title is amended as follows:

56 Delete line 24

57 and insert:

58 licensees; amending s. 489.514, F.S.; extending the  
59 date by which an applicant must make application for a  
60 license to be grandfathered; amending s. 489.531,  
61 F.S.; revising a