By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Detert

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to swimming pools and spas; amending
3	s. 489.103, F.S.; providing an exemption from
4	licensure requirements for an owner or operator
5	maintaining a swimming pool or spa for the purpose of
6	water treatment; amending s. 489.105, F.S.; revising
7	the definition of the terms "contractor," "commercial
8	pool/spa contractor," "residential pool/spa
9	contractor," and "swimming pool/spa servicing
10	contractor" to include the cleaning, maintenance, and
11	water treatment of swimming pools and spas; conforming
12	provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
13	489.111, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements to
14	take the swimming pool/spa servicing contractors'
15	examination; providing the Department of Business and
16	Professional Regulation with the authority to adopt
17	rules; providing an effective date.
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19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21	Section 1. Subsection (23) is added to section 489.103,
22	Florida Statutes, to read:
23	489.103 ExemptionsThis part does not apply to:
24	(23) An owner or operator of a public swimming pool or spa
25	permitted under s. 514.031, or his or her direct employee, who
26	undertakes to maintain the swimming pool or spa for the purpose
27	of water treatment.
28	Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 489.105, Florida
29	Statutes, is amended to read:

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578-02024-13 2013156c1 30 489.105 Definitions.-As used in this part: (3) "Contractor" means the person who is qualified for, and 31 32 is only responsible for, the project contracted for and means, 33 except as exempted in this part, the person who, for 34 compensation, undertakes to, submits a bid to, or does himself 35 or herself or by others construct, repair, alter, remodel, add 36 to, demolish, maintain for purposes of water treatment, subtract 37 from, or improve any building or structure, including related improvements to real estate, for others or for resale to others; 38 39 and whose job scope is substantially similar to the job scope 40 described in one of the paragraphs of this subsection. For the 41 purposes of regulation under this part, the term "demolish" 42 applies only to demolition of steel tanks more than 50 feet in 43 height; towers more than 50 feet in height; other structures 44 more than 50 feet in height; and all buildings or residences. 45 For purposes of regulation under this part, the phrase "maintain 46 for purposes of water treatment" applies only to cleaning, 47 maintenance, and water treatment of swimming pools and spas. 48 Contractors are subdivided into two divisions, Division I, consisting of those contractors defined in paragraphs (a) - (c), 49 50 and Division II, consisting of those contractors defined in 51 paragraphs (d) - (q): 52 (a) "General contractor" means a contractor whose services

(a) "General contractor" means a contractor whose services
are unlimited as to the type of work which he or she may do, who
may contract for any activity requiring licensure under this
part, and who may perform any work requiring licensure under
this part, except as otherwise expressly provided in s. 489.113.

57 (b) "Building contractor" means a contractor whose services 58 are limited to construction of commercial buildings and single-

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578-02024-13 2013156c1 dwelling or multiple-dwelling residential buildings, which do not exceed three stories in height, and accessory use structures in connection therewith or a contractor whose services are limited to remodeling, repair, or improvement of any size building if the services do not affect the structural members of the building.

(c) "Residential contractor" means a contractor whose services are limited to construction, remodeling, repair, or improvement of one-family, two-family, or three-family residences not exceeding two habitable stories above no more than one uninhabitable story and accessory use structures in connection therewith.

71 (d) "Sheet metal contractor" means a contractor whose 72 services are unlimited in the sheet metal trade and who has the 73 experience, knowledge, and skill necessary for the manufacture, 74 fabrication, assembling, handling, erection, installation, 75 dismantling, conditioning, adjustment, insulation, alteration, 76 repair, servicing, or design, if not prohibited by law, of 77 ferrous or nonferrous metal work of U.S. No. 10 gauge or its 78 equivalent or lighter gauge and of other materials, including, 79 but not limited to, fiberglass, used in lieu thereof and of air-80 handling systems, including the setting of air-handling 81 equipment and reinforcement of same, the balancing of air-82 handling systems, and any duct cleaning and equipment sanitizing that requires at least a partial disassembling of the system. 83

(e) "Roofing contractor" means a contractor whose services are unlimited in the roofing trade and who has the experience, knowledge, and skill to install, maintain, repair, alter, extend, or design, if not prohibited by law, and use materials

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578-02024-13 2013156c1 88 and items used in the installation, maintenance, extension, and 89 alteration of all kinds of roofing, waterproofing, and coating, 90 except when coating is not represented to protect, repair, 91 waterproof, stop leaks, or extend the life of the roof. The 92 scope of work of a roofing contractor also includes skylights 93 and any related work, required roof-deck attachments, and any 94 repair or replacement of wood roof sheathing or fascia as needed 95 during roof repair or replacement and any related work. (f) "Class A air-conditioning contractor" means a 96 97 contractor whose services are unlimited in the execution of 98 contracts requiring the experience, knowledge, and skill to 99 install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, 100 if not prohibited by law, central air-conditioning, 101 refrigeration, heating, and ventilating systems, including duct 102 work in connection with a complete system if such duct work is 103 performed by the contractor as necessary to complete an air-104 distribution system, boiler and unfired pressure vessel systems, 105 and all appurtenances, apparatus, or equipment used in connection therewith, and any duct cleaning and equipment 106 107 sanitizing that requires at least a partial disassembling of the 108 system; to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, 109 or design, if not prohibited by law, piping, insulation of pipes, vessels and ducts, pressure and process piping, and 110 pneumatic control piping; to replace, disconnect, or reconnect 111 power wiring on the load side of the dedicated existing 112 113 electrical disconnect switch; to install, disconnect, and 114 reconnect low voltage heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning 115 control wiring; and to install a condensate drain from an air-116 conditioning unit to an existing safe waste or other approved

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117 disposal other than a direct connection to a sanitary system. The scope of work for such contractor also includes any 118 excavation work incidental thereto, but does not include any 119 120 work such as liquefied petroleum or natural gas fuel lines 121 within buildings, except for disconnecting or reconnecting 122 changeouts of liquefied petroleum or natural gas appliances 123 within buildings; potable water lines or connections thereto; 124 sanitary sewer lines; swimming pool piping and filters; or 125 electrical power wiring. A Class A air-conditioning contractor 126 may test and evaluate central air-conditioning, refrigeration, 127 heating, and ventilating systems, including duct work; however, 128 a mandatory licensing requirement is not established for the 129 performance of these specific services.

130 (g) "Class B air-conditioning contractor" means a 131 contractor whose services are limited to 25 tons of cooling and 132 500,000 Btu of heating in any one system in the execution of 133 contracts requiring the experience, knowledge, and skill to 134 install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, if not prohibited by law, central air-conditioning, 135 136 refrigeration, heating, and ventilating systems, including duct 1.37 work in connection with a complete system only to the extent 138 such duct work is performed by the contractor as necessary to 139 complete an air-distribution system being installed under this classification, and any duct cleaning and equipment sanitizing 140 that requires at least a partial disassembling of the system; to 141 142 install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, 143 if not prohibited by law, piping and insulation of pipes, 144 vessels, and ducts; to replace, disconnect, or reconnect power 145 wiring on the load side of the dedicated existing electrical

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578-02024-13 2013156c1 146 disconnect switch; to install, disconnect, and reconnect low 147 voltage heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning control 148 wiring; and to install a condensate drain from an air-149 conditioning unit to an existing safe waste or other approved 150 disposal other than a direct connection to a sanitary system. 151 The scope of work for such contractor also includes any 152 excavation work incidental thereto, but does not include any 153 work such as liquefied petroleum or natural gas fuel lines 154 within buildings, except for disconnecting or reconnecting 155 changeouts of liquefied petroleum or natural gas appliances 156 within buildings; potable water lines or connections thereto; 157 sanitary sewer lines; swimming pool piping and filters; or 158 electrical power wiring. A Class B air-conditioning contractor 159 may test and evaluate central air-conditioning, refrigeration, 160 heating, and ventilating systems, including duct work; however, 161 a mandatory licensing requirement is not established for the 162 performance of these specific services.

163 (h) "Class C air-conditioning contractor" means a 164 contractor whose business is limited to the servicing of air-165 conditioning, heating, or refrigeration systems, including any 166 duct cleaning and equipment sanitizing that requires at least a 167 partial disassembling of the system, and whose certification or 168 registration, issued pursuant to this part, was valid on October 169 1, 1988. Only a person who was registered or certified as a Class C air-conditioning contractor as of October 1, 1988, shall 170 171 be so registered or certified after October 1, 1988. However, 172 the board shall continue to license and regulate those Class C 173 air-conditioning contractors who held Class C licenses before 174 October 1, 1988.

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175 (i) "Mechanical contractor" means a contractor whose 176 services are unlimited in the execution of contracts requiring 177 the experience, knowledge, and skill to install, maintain, 178 repair, fabricate, alter, extend, or design, if not prohibited by law, central air-conditioning, refrigeration, heating, and 179 180 ventilating systems, including duct work in connection with a 181 complete system if such duct work is performed by the contractor 182 as necessary to complete an air-distribution system, boiler and unfired pressure vessel systems, lift station equipment and 183 184 piping, and all appurtenances, apparatus, or equipment used in 185 connection therewith, and any duct cleaning and equipment 186 sanitizing that requires at least a partial disassembling of the 187 system; to install, maintain, repair, fabricate, alter, extend, 188 or design, if not prohibited by law, piping, insulation of 189 pipes, vessels and ducts, pressure and process piping, pneumatic 190 control piping, gasoline tanks and pump installations and piping 191 for same, standpipes, air piping, vacuum line piping, oxygen 192 lines, nitrous oxide piping, ink and chemical lines, fuel transmission lines, liquefied petroleum gas lines within 193 194 buildings, and natural gas fuel lines within buildings; to 195 replace, disconnect, or reconnect power wiring on the load side 196 of the dedicated existing electrical disconnect switch; to install, disconnect, and reconnect low voltage heating, 197 198 ventilating, and air-conditioning control wiring; and to install a condensate drain from an air-conditioning unit to an existing 199 200 safe waste or other approved disposal other than a direct 201 connection to a sanitary system. The scope of work for such 202 contractor also includes any excavation work incidental thereto, 203 but does not include any work such as potable water lines or

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578-02024-13 2013156c1 204 connections thereto, sanitary sewer lines, swimming pool piping 205 and filters, or electrical power wiring. A mechanical contractor 206 may test and evaluate central air-conditioning, refrigeration, 207 heating, and ventilating systems, including duct work; however, 208 a mandatory licensing requirement is not established for the 209 performance of these specific services.

210 (j) "Commercial pool/spa contractor" means a contractor 211 whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the construction, repair, water treatment, maintenance, and 212 213 servicing of any swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, whether 214 public, private, or otherwise, regardless of use. The scope of 215 work includes the installation, repair, or replacement of 216 existing equipment, any cleaning or equipment sanitizing that 217 requires at least a partial disassembling, excluding filter 218 changes, and the installation of new pool/spa equipment, 219 interior finishes, the installation of package pool heaters, the 220 installation of all perimeter piping and filter piping, and the 221 construction of equipment rooms or housing for pool/spa 222 equipment, and also includes the scope of work of a swimming 223 pool/spa servicing contractor. The scope of such work does not 224 include direct connections to a sanitary sewer system or to 225 potable water lines. The installation, construction, 226 modification, or replacement of equipment permanently attached 227 to and associated with the pool or spa for the purpose of water 228 treatment or cleaning of the pool or spa requires licensure; 229 however, the usage of such equipment for the purposes of water 230 treatment or cleaning does not require licensure unless the usage involves construction, modification, or replacement of 231 232 such equipment. Water treatment that does not require such

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578-02024-13 2013156c1 equipment does not require a license. In addition, a license is 233 234 not required for the cleaning of the pool or spa in a way that 235 does not affect the structural integrity of the pool or spa or 236 its associated equipment. (k) "Residential pool/spa contractor" means a contractor 237 238 whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, the 239 construction, repair, water treatment, maintenance, and 240 servicing of a residential swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, regardless of use. The scope of work includes the installation, 241 242 repair, or replacement of existing equipment, any cleaning or 243 equipment sanitizing that requires at least a partial 244 disassembling, excluding filter changes, and the installation of 245 new pool/spa equipment, interior finishes, the installation of 246 package pool heaters, the installation of all perimeter piping 247 and filter piping, and the construction of equipment rooms or 248 housing for pool/spa equipment, and also includes the scope of 249 work of a swimming pool/spa servicing contractor. The scope of 250 such work does not include direct connections to a sanitary 251 sewer system or to potable water lines. The installation, 252 construction, modification, or replacement of equipment 253 permanently attached to and associated with the pool or spa for 254 the purpose of water treatment or cleaning of the pool or spa 255 requires licensure; however, the usage of such equipment for the 256 purposes of water treatment or cleaning does not require 257 licensure unless the usage involves construction, modification, 258 or replacement of such equipment. Water treatment that does not 259 require such equipment does not require a license. In addition, 260 a license is not required for the cleaning of the pool or spa in 261 a way that does not affect the structural integrity of the pool

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### 262 or spa or its associated equipment.

263 (1) "Swimming pool/spa servicing contractor" means a 264 contractor whose scope of work involves, but is not limited to, 265 the repair, water treatment, maintenance, and servicing of a swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, whether public or private, or 266 otherwise, regardless of use. The scope of work includes the 267 268 repair or replacement of existing equipment, any sanitation, chemical balancing, routine maintenance or cleaning, cleaning or 269 270 equipment sanitizing that requires at least a partial 271 disassembling, excluding filter changes, and the installation of 272 new pool/spa equipment, interior refinishing, the reinstallation or addition of pool heaters, the repair or replacement of all 273 274 perimeter piping and filter piping, the repair of equipment 275 rooms or housing for pool/spa equipment, and the substantial or 276 complete draining of a swimming pool, or hot tub or spa, for the 277 purpose of repair, or renovation, or water treatment. The scope 278 of such work does not include direct connections to a sanitary 279 sewer system or to potable water lines. The installation, 280 construction, modification, substantial or complete disassembly, 281 or replacement of equipment permanently attached to and 282 associated with the pool or spa for the purpose of water 283 treatment or cleaning of the pool or spa requires licensure; 284 however, the usage of such equipment for the purposes of water treatment or cleaning does not require licensure unless the 285 286 usage involves construction, modification, substantial or 287 complete disassembly, or replacement of such equipment. Water 288 treatment that does not require such equipment does not require a license. In addition, a license is not required for the 289 290 cleaning of the pool or spa in a way that does not affect the

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291 structural integrity of the pool or spa or its associated 292 equipment.

293 (m) "Plumbing contractor" means a contractor whose services 294 are unlimited in the plumbing trade and includes contracting 295 business consisting of the execution of contracts requiring the 296 experience, financial means, knowledge, and skill to install, 297 maintain, repair, alter, extend, or, if not prohibited by law, 298 design plumbing. A plumbing contractor may install, maintain, 299 repair, alter, extend, or, if not prohibited by law, design the 300 following without obtaining an additional local regulatory license, certificate, or registration: sanitary drainage or 301 302 storm drainage facilities, water and sewer plants and 303 substations, venting systems, public or private water supply 304 systems, septic tanks, drainage and supply wells, swimming pool 305 piping, irrigation systems, and solar heating water systems and 306 all appurtenances, apparatus, or equipment used in connection 307 therewith, including boilers and pressure process piping and 308 including the installation of water, natural gas, liquefied 309 petroleum gas and related venting, and storm and sanitary sewer 310 lines. The scope of work of the plumbing contractor also 311 includes the design, if not prohibited by law, and installation, maintenance, repair, alteration, or extension of air-piping, 312 vacuum line piping, oxygen line piping, nitrous oxide piping, 313 and all related medical gas systems; fire line standpipes and 314 fire sprinklers if authorized by law; ink and chemical lines; 315 316 fuel oil and gasoline piping and tank and pump installation, 317 except bulk storage plants; and pneumatic control piping 318 systems, all in a manner that complies with all plans, 319 specifications, codes, laws, and regulations applicable. The

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320 scope of work of the plumbing contractor applies to private 321 property and public property, including any excavation work 322 incidental thereto, and includes the work of the specialty plumbing contractor. Such contractor shall subcontract, with a 323 324 qualified contractor in the field concerned, all other work 325 incidental to the work but which is specified as being the work 326 of a trade other than that of a plumbing contractor. This 327 definition does not limit the scope of work of any specialty 328 contractor certified pursuant to s. 489.113(6), and does not 329 require certification or registration under this part of any 330 authorized employee of a public natural gas utility or of a 331 private natural gas utility regulated by the Public Service 332 Commission when disconnecting and reconnecting water lines in 333 the servicing or replacement of an existing water heater. A 334 plumbing contractor may perform drain cleaning and clearing and 335 install or repair rainwater catchment systems; however, a 336 mandatory licensing requirement is not established for the 337 performance of these specific services.

338 (n) "Underground utility and excavation contractor" means a contractor whose services are limited to the construction, 339 340 installation, and repair, on public or private property, whether 341 accomplished through open excavations or through other means, including, but not limited to, directional drilling, auger 342 boring, jacking and boring, trenchless technologies, wet and dry 343 taps, grouting, and slip lining, of main sanitary sewer 344 345 collection systems, main water distribution systems, storm sewer 346 collection systems, and the continuation of utility lines from 347 the main systems to a point of termination up to and including 348 the meter location for the individual occupancy, sewer

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578-02024-13 2013156c1 349 collection systems at property line on residential or single-350 occupancy commercial properties, or on multioccupancy properties 351 at manhole or wye lateral extended to an invert elevation as 352 engineered to accommodate future building sewers, water 353 distribution systems, or storm sewer collection systems at storm 354 sewer structures. However, an underground utility and excavation 355 contractor may install empty underground conduits in rights-of-356 way, easements, platted rights-of-way in new site development, 357 and sleeves for parking lot crossings no smaller than 2 inches 358 in diameter if each conduit system installed is designed by a 359 licensed professional engineer or an authorized employee of a 360 municipality, county, or public utility and the installation of 361 such conduit does not include installation of any conductor 362 wiring or connection to an energized electrical system. An 363 underground utility and excavation contractor may not install 364 piping that is an integral part of a fire protection system as 365 defined in s. 633.021 beginning at the point where the piping is 366 used exclusively for such system.

367 (o) "Solar contractor" means a contractor whose services 368 consist of the installation, alteration, repair, maintenance, relocation, or replacement of solar panels for potable solar 369 370 water heating systems, swimming pool solar heating systems, and 371 photovoltaic systems and any appurtenances, apparatus, or 372 equipment used in connection therewith, whether public, private, 373 or otherwise, regardless of use. A contractor, certified or 374 registered pursuant to this chapter, is not required to become a 375 certified or registered solar contractor or to contract with a 376 solar contractor in order to provide services enumerated in this 377 paragraph that are within the scope of the services such

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378	contractors may render under this part.
379	(p) "Pollutant storage systems contractor" means a
380	contractor whose services are limited to, and who has the
381	experience, knowledge, and skill to install, maintain, repair,
382	alter, extend, or design, if not prohibited by law, and use
383	materials and items used in the installation, maintenance,
384	extension, and alteration of, pollutant storage tanks. Any
385	person installing a pollutant storage tank shall perform such
386	installation in accordance with the standards adopted pursuant
387	to s. 376.303.
388	(q) "Specialty contractor" means a contractor whose scope
389	of work and responsibility is limited to a particular phase of
390	construction established in a category adopted by board rule and
391	whose scope is limited to a subset of the activities described
392	in one of the paragraphs of this subsection.
393	Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 489.111, Florida
394	Statutes, is amended to read:
395	489.111 Licensure by examination
396	(2) A person shall be eligible for licensure by examination
397	if the person:
398	(a) Is 18 years of age;
399	(b) Is of good moral character; and
400	(c) Meets eligibility requirements according to one of the
401	following criteria:
402	1. Has received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited
403	4-year college in the appropriate field of engineering,
404	architecture, or building construction and has 1 year of proven
405	experience in the category in which the person seeks to qualify.
406	For the purpose of this part, a minimum of 2,000 person-hours

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407 shall be used in determining full-time equivalency.

408 2. Has a total of at least 4 years of active experience as 409 a worker who has learned the trade by serving an apprenticeship 410 as a skilled worker who is able to command the rate of a mechanic in the particular trade or as a foreman who is in 411 412 charge of a group of workers and usually is responsible to a 413 superintendent or a contractor or his or her equivalent, 414 provided, however, that at least 1 year of active experience shall be as a foreman. 415

416 3. Has a combination of not less than 1 year of experience 417 as a foreman and not less than 3 years of credits for any 418 accredited college-level courses; has a combination of not less 419 than 1 year of experience as a skilled worker, 1 year of 420 experience as a foreman, and not less than 2 years of credits 421 for any accredited college-level courses; or has a combination 422 of not less than 2 years of experience as a skilled worker, 1 423 year of experience as a foreman, and not less than 1 year of 424 credits for any accredited college-level courses. All junior 425 college or community college-level courses shall be considered 426 accredited college-level courses.

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

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

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c. An active certified building contractor is eligible to

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437	a minimum of 4 years of proven experience in the classification
438	in which he or she is certified.
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440	contractor is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class B
441	contractors' examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3
442	years of proven experience in the classification in which he or
443	she is certified.
444	b. An active certified air-conditioning Class C contractor
445	is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class A contractors'
446	examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of
447	proven experience in the classification in which he or she is
448	certified.
449	c. An active certified air-conditioning Class B contractor
450	is eligible to take the air-conditioning Class A contractors'
451	examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1 year of proven
452	experience in the classification in which he or she is
453	certified.
454	6.a. An active certified swimming pool servicing contractor
455	is eligible to take the residential swimming pool contractors'
456	examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 3 years of
457	proven experience in the classification in which he or she is
458	certified.
459	b. An active certified swimming pool servicing contractor
460	is eligible to take the swimming pool commercial contractors'
461	examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 4 years of
462	proven experience in the classification in which he or she is
463	certified.
464	c. An active certified residential swimming pool contractor

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465	is eligible to take the commercial swimming pool contractors'
466	examination if he or she possesses a minimum of 1 year of proven
467	experience in the classification in which he or she is
468	certified.
469	d. An applicant is eligible to take the swimming pool/spa
470	servicing contractors' examination if he or she has
471	satisfactorily completed 60 hours of instruction in courses <u>and</u>
472	20 hours of field hands-on instruction related to the scope of
473	work covered by that license and approved by the department
474	Construction Industry Licensing Board by rule and has at least 1
475	year of proven experience related to the scope of work of such a
476	contractor.
477	Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

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