

By Senator Pizzo

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to registered contractor licensing;  
3           amending s. 489.514, F.S.; extending the date by which  
4           an applicant must make application for a license to be  
5           grandfathered; providing an effective date.

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

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9           Section 1. Section 489.514, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
10 read:

11           489.514 Certification for registered contractors;  
12 grandfathering provisions.—

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

16           (a) To an applying registered electrical contractor, a  
17 certificate as an electrical contractor, as defined in s.  
18 489.505(12);

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

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

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

28           (a) Currently holds a valid registered local license in the  
29 category of electrical contractor, alarm system contractor, or

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30 electrical specialty contractor.

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

42 (c) Has at least 5 years of experience as a contractor in  
43 that contracting category, or as an inspector or building  
44 administrator with oversight over that category, at the time of  
45 application. For contractors, only time periods in which the  
46 contractor license is active and the contractor is not on  
47 probation shall count toward the 5 years required under this  
48 subsection.

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

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

55 (3) An applicant must make application by November 1, 2021  
56 ~~2015~~, to be licensed pursuant to this section.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.